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Meet the good citizens!



ABOVE:
Philip Loveday and Tom Weaver with the Mayor, Coun Reg Jenkins.

THE Mayor of Bridgend county borough, Coun Reg Jenkins, held his 'Citizenship Awards' last Friday (March 17) in the council chambers.

A wide range of people from the borough were invited and they had one thing in common - that their actions during the year had helped the community and were true examples of citizenship.

Next week's GEM will be carrying a

comprehensive report on the people and their acts of goodwill.

A good example is the case of Philip Loveday and Tom Weaver. Since 2013, HM Armed Forces veterans Tom and Philip have been carrying random acts of kindness in Bridgend town centre, such as handing out 100 boxes of chocolates to passers-by.

The random acts of kindness are their way of reaching out to others to say thank you for the positives in their lives.

See next week's GEM for much more on the awards.

Local MP hears of funding-hit KPC's 'uncertain future'

BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon voiced support for funding-hit KPC Youth & Community when she met project manager, Alison Mawby, and volunteers from a local company that has nominated it as their charity for the coming year.

"KPC is just surviving, but despite the uncertain future they are facing, Alison was upbeat and determined to find any funding available to help them keep the centre open," said the Labour MP.

"I keep in touch with KPC and visit as often as I can and know the difficulties they are facing."

"Everyone in the community knows of KPC and the many clubs and courses they run for the benefit of the youngsters and wider community."

"I spoke with a group this morning using the computer suite who are

receiving training and support in job searches and compiling CVs, and they were full of praise for the staff who were helping them achieve the skills they need to succeed in the job market."

"New courses evolve when a need in the community is identified: recently a daytime session of messy play for babies and toddlers has started, where mums get to meet new friends and chat over a cup of coffee."

"Also Zumba classes and Rebound sessions for kids, teens and

adults are now on the programme."

"KPC was established in 1998 and despite its recognised positive effect on the community is struggling."

"Alison spoke about their EU funding that is ending in December, and the proposal for cutting the centre opening hours in the next few months."

"KPC are continually thinking of ways to fundraise; their popular Golf Day is coming up on June 23 and there is a list on their wall of items that people can

donate, such as ink cartridges, postage stamps, coins, foreign notes. Also donations of unwanted clothes, shoes, hats and items for resale on Ebay."

"The vibrant volunteer team I met were looking at the buildings to prioritise what work to carry out and what was most in need."

"They provide the manpower but need the materials for the work."

For more information about KPC, visit its website: www.kpcyouth.com.

Long night-time search proves fruitless for RNLI

PORTHCAWL RNLI volunteers were part of a multi-agency search in worsening sea conditions on Monday night (March 20), writes ANDY JOHNSTONE.

For some, it was the second shout of the day, with the RNLI station having been alerted to a report of a missing person at around 3am.

The night-time search began when

RNLI volunteer crews launched both lifeboats at around 8.30pm, following reports that three people were in the water at Ogmere by Sea.

The initial report was made to South Wales Police, who had received a call from a person at Ogmere by Sea car park. RNLI Porthcawl was tasked by HM Coastguard (HMC) initially to search the area around Ogmere By Sea and the river mouth.

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The 'Ed Evans Foundation' 10th anniversary walk is set for Easter Monday

THE Ed Evans Foundation is to host its 10th anniversary walk on Easter Monday, April 17 (registration at 9am).

Over the last decade the foundation has raised £200,000 in loving memory of Ed and helped numerous causes.

Friends, family and supporters will be meeting at The Plough and Harrow, Monknash (CF71 7QQ).

Ed was born and brought up in Marcross. In 2001 he joined the Royal Navy and successfully trained as a diver. Not long after he was diagnosed with a brain tumour and had to be discharged.

In January 2006 Ed, along with family and friends, organised a hugely successful charity summer ball at The Marriott Hotel, Cardiff and raised £10,000 for Cancer Research Wales. The event inspired Ed to set up the foundation.



Ed Evans.

Sadly, in 2007, at the age of just 27 Ed died, but it was his wish and that of his family and friends that its work should continue. Its aim is to raise funds for deserving causes including research into cancer and brain tumours.

His mother Sue and members of his family are looking forward to meeting friends and supporters on what will be a landmark event for the foundation.

If people would like more information, please go to: <https://www.edevansfoundation.co.uk>

Police widows' pensions: Bridgend MP hits at 'tax on love'

MADELEINE Moon, MP for Bridgend, is calling for fair treatment of police widows over an issue which she says amounts to "a tax on love".

The Bridgend MP said in the Commons that a debate on the issue the previous day in Westminster Hall had been attended by people from across the country.

She said: "The debate was also attended by six MPs from majority parties throughout the House."

"We were debating police widows' pensions, as the widows lose their pensions should they remarry or cohabit."

"It is basically a tax on love. Unfortunately, the Minister for Policing only gave a seven-minute response — including

taking an intervention — in the 15 minutes that he had in which to speak.

"Can we now have a debate here in the main chamber so that a further and fuller answer is provided to those families who feel they are facing a terrible injustice?"

Leader of the House David Lidington said the Minister, since he speaks last in such debates, would have had only limited time available from the 90 minutes or 60 minutes that had been allotted for that particular debate.

He told Ms Moon: "I am sure she will be able to air her concerns further if she seeks the opportunity to raise this matter at Home Office questions, via the Backbench Business Committee or in an adjournment debate."

AM: 'It's futile to ask banks to change closure plans'

REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies has met HSBC managers about the bank's decision to close the branch in Maesteg.

The Conservative AM asked south Wales area manager Mark Richards about alternative arrangements being put in place to provide services to customers once the bank closes.

She said: "I know it is futile to attempt to get any of the banks to change their minds once they have made a decision to close, but they should not assume that they can leave town and that's that. If they want to keep their good name, they need to play fair in the way they close."

"I raised this in the Senedd with the cabinet secretary for communities. He supported me challenging HSBC about their adherence to the Welsh Government's financial inclusion plans, designed to ensure people have access to their own money."

"Closing the bank means losing two hole-in-the-wall cash machines. I have asked HSBC for a full list of alternative ATMs in the Llynfi Valley — for their precise location and whether or not they are facing the street and are available all day and every day."

"There's no point telling me there are 13 other ATMs available if they don't know how far they are from the town centre or in places which close at night."

"I know that in the past there have been times when it has been difficult, if not impossible, for Maesteg residents to get cash as all the ATMs in town were empty — this would sometimes happen at weekends when bank staff are not around to re-load the cash machines."

"The bank's every day services will be available in the future at the main post office,

also in Talbot Street, which offers some reassurance. However, they said there were no plans to install a cash machine there and seemed a bit surprised when I suggested they might like to contribute to the cost of one."

"I'm also finding out whether the post office plans to open any new counter spaces to deal with the extra business brought in by HSBC customers. There are already long queues there on certain days."

NEW BUSINESSES

Other issues raised by Mrs Davies at the meeting relate to what will happen to the premises once the bank has quit.

She said: "I gather that there will be a year to run on the lease after HSBC leave and we discussed a few creative ideas for its use during this period and afterwards — a business start-up space or even if the building could feasibly house the indoor market."

"The idea of putting artwork in the window space had already been mooted but I asked them to consider putting in window vinyls which look like a shop front, as done by Swansea BID with empty shops there, to help reinforce the idea that this is a thriving high street that needs good business tenants."

"This building needs to be re-let quickly by its owners to a business that will enhance the shopping offer in Maesteg or be put to good, sustainable community use. What we don't want is for it to be let to a business that downgrades the town."

"I will be writing to the owners of the property to find out what their plans are."



World Book Day at Pencoed Comp

THE English department at Pencoed Comprehensive School recently celebrated World Book Day.

The department dressed up as various fictional characters and lots of activities went on throughout the day. There were prizes available for pupils who: created a book mark, cracked the code, solved the word search or won the quiz. It was a great day and pupils really got involved!

AP

Walkies in memory of local man



Norah Clarke of Guide Dogs with her latest pup in training

DOG owners and their four-legged friends are taking part in a sponsored walk next month — in memory of a well-known Porthcawl man.

Guide Dogs Cymru has organised the event on Sunday, April 2, to remember businessman and former town mayor Phil Rixon, who died in 2014.

Mr Rixon had expressed a keen interest in raising money for Guide Dogs not long before he died, and his widow Cheryl was determined to carry out his wishes. The plan took shape just after The GEM reported how the local branch of Guide Dogs had reached a fundraising milestone of £50,000.

Walkers and their pets — including several

Guide Dogs in training — will leave Coney Beach at 11am and head for Ocean View Flats in West Drive, before heading back. The walk is level, suitable for all ages and abilities, and expected to take no longer than an hour.

Organiser Norah Clarke said: "Phil was always doing something to help the community, and had spoken about putting on an event at the Grand Pavilion for Guide Dogs. He loved animals and thought the world of his own dog."

"Many sponsored walks exclude dogs, but people are more than welcome to bring their pets along to this one."

For more details and a sponsor pack, ring Guide Dogs Cymru on 0345 1430195, or email mt@guidedogs.org.uk.

BAD Bikes get £104,431 boost from Children in Need

IN its first funding round of 2017, BBC Children in Need has announced a boost of £104,431 to local Bridgend project, BAD Bikes.

The news means that BBC Children in Need now has more than £601,900 invested locally.

BAD Bikes has been awarded a three-year grant of £104,431 to provide youth work sessions, activities and issue based workshops in addition to providing information and advice to children and young people living in deprived areas of Bridgend.

Through these sessions, BAD Bikes aims to increase the confidence and well-being of the young people, while building their life-skills and aspirations for the future.

Andrew McKay, project co-ordinator at BAD Bikes, said: "BBC Children in Need has been supporting BAD Bikes since 2007, and we are so grateful to have secured funding for another three years."

Jemma Wray, BBC Children in Need national head of Wales, said: "We are delighted to be making our first grant announcements of 2017 to projects like BAD Bikes. Thanks to the support of our fundraisers, we will be able to continue to address the needs of



disadvantaged children and young people in Wales.

"I'm inspired every day by the difference our funding makes to young people, who, despite the odds stacked against them, fight to flourish and overcome the challenges they face in their lives."

BBC Children in Need awards grants at seven points during the year and funds two types of grants, both of which are open to new or existing applicants. A Main Grants Programme is for grants over £10,000 per year to support projects for up to three years.

Meanwhile, a Small Grants Programme includes grants up to and including £10,000, and has been refreshed to support projects for up to three years. Projects working children and young people facing any kind of disadvantage can find out more on how to apply for funding at bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants.

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GREEN FLAG FLYING PROUD OVER BRIDGEND SCHOOLS...

NEARLY half of the schools in Bridgend county borough are now flying Platinum eco flags – the highest accolade awarded by Keep Wales Tidy to recognise a commitment to all things green.

An impressive 24 local schools have proudly achieved the Eco-Schools Platinum award, with West Park Primary in Porthcawl the latest school to cement their place among the eco elite after renewing their Platinum status.

As part of their Eco-Schools Platinum assessment, West Park Primary demonstrated that they are developing the school grounds, allotment and meadow area, helping to improve pupils' health by supporting 'Walk to School' and 'Big Pedal' initiatives, and working even more closely with the local community and supporting eco charities.

They are also making improvements that will help them reduce their carbon footprint.

Hollie Hobday and Chloe Parker, West Park's Eco co-ordinators, said: "We are delighted to have received our renewal. As usual, our pupils continue to be enthusiastic and inventive when it comes to planning new ideas and raising our eco profile.

"The renewal would not be possible without the support and efforts of our eco warrior committee as well as our parent and community links. Many thanks for helping us to keep our flag flying high! Here's to a green future at West Park Primary!"

Matthew Bunt, education officer for Keep Wales Tidy, said: "The Platinum flag is a



Pupils and teachers at West Park Primary in Porthcawl, proudly fly their Platinum eco flag.

very impressive achievement and highlights the enthusiasm and commitment that West Park Primary has towards sustainable development.

"The dedication of the eco-committee over many years has been inspirational. The school's application really evidenced how integral Eco-Schools is to life at West Park.

"I'd like to congratulate and thank all of the pupils and staff involved for their hard work!"

Eco-Schools is an international programme run in Wales by environmental charity, Keep Wales Tidy and funded by the Welsh Government. Over 90 per cent of schools in Wales are registered on the programme.

'Extra Care facilities are the future of elderly care'

At a recent groundbreaking ceremony in Ynysawdre, work began on two new 'Extra Care' schemes in Ynysawdre and Maesteg, that will provide modern units for elderly and vulnerable people in Bridgend county borough.

The joint scheme, involving BCBC, the Welsh Government and Linc-Cymru, should provide an alternative to three care homes in the Maesteg, Ynysawdre and Ogmogre Vale areas.

The ceremony was attended by Ogmogre AM, Huw Irranca-Davies, BCBC council leader Huw David, cabinet members, BCB Mayor Reg Jenkins, and chief executive of Linc-Cymru Housing Association, Robert

Smith, along with other officials and councillor representatives.

The AM said: "I was pleased to attend the ground-breaking of the fantastic new Extra Care facilities that will benefit many of my constituents. Seen as 'the future of support for older people', these individual apartments are specifically designed so that tenants can live safely and independently in their own homes – all part of Bridgend county borough and the Welsh Government's ongoing plans to modernise residential care services – also with the help of Linc-Cymru in this instance."

Coun David said: "Across the UK, Extra Care has proven itself to be the future for how elderly and vulnerable people are looked after and cared for."

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Injured horse rider is rescued on Sker Beach

PORHCAWL RNLI volunteer crew were called by UK Coastguards on Wednesday, March 15, after a female horse rider was injured on Sker Beach, Kenfig Sands.

Both the D class lifeboat, *Jean Ryall* and Atlantic 85 lifeboat *Rose of the Shires* were launched to assist in the incident. UK Coastguard Agency units from Port Talbot and Porthcawl had transported a paramedic from the Welsh Ambulance Service to the scene of the incident and medical support was administered at the beach.

Thick fog meant that the Wales Air Ambulance could not land, so the decision was made to take the casualty from the beach by sea, back to a waiting ambulance at Porthcawl Lifeboat Station.

Lifeboat crewman Simon Emms said: "With thick sea mist reducing

visibility to 200 metres, we landed crew members ashore to help transfer the stretchered casualty and the paramedic onto our D class lifeboat.

"With the casualty suffering suspected pelvic injuries, helmsman Chris Missen used the relative shelter from mussel beds at Sker to steer out to deeper water and reduce the impact from breaking waves.

"Once in deeper water, the paramedic and casualty were transferred to the larger Atlantic 85 and brought back slowly to a waiting ambulance crew."

Lifeboat Deputy Launch Authority, Aileen Jones, said: "With visibility along the coast greatly reduced by sea mist, we worked with other rescue agencies and managed a safe and successful extraction of the casualty from this remote part of our coastline.

Hopefully, the casualty will make a full recovery."

Maesteg Rotarians in call for more members



President of Maesteg Rotary Club, Gwynfor Phillips, is pictured handing over the cheque to Maesteg Scout leader Alex Emeny-Smith.

At a business meeting held at The Cross Inn, Maesteg the Rotary Club of Maesteg made a donation to the 3rd Maesteg Scout group. This will be divided between the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers.

Maesteg Rotary Club has been in existence for 73 years, but is in

danger of folding, due to lack of membership.

Anyone who enjoys charity work is asked to contact Talfyn Harries on 01656 711078, or Gwynfor Phillips on 01656 736102. They would be glad to explain the workings of Rotary, whose motto is - 'Service Before Self.'

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Pencoed Comprehensive School Vocal Group.



ABOVE Interact and Rotary: Jasmine Green, Charlotte Costello, Rotary assistant district governor Liz Davies, Dr Bob Broughton, Chloe Jones and Josh East.

AT its recent 'international evening', the Rotary Club of Bridgend welcomed several guests, including the president and members of the Interact Club of

Pencoed Comprehensive School.

From its fundraising endeavours, the Interact Club presented a cheque for £250 to Rotary Club president Bob Broughton to buy a 'community aquabox', a portable water purifying system used in poor communities worldwide.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by Pencoed Comprehensive School Vocal Group.

The choir comprised mainly year-9 pupils with soloist Charlotte Jones of year 13.

It was under the direction of Rhian Jenkins.

The performances included a mesmerising rendition of the musical *Les Miserables* with many animated solos. The whole performance was applauded.

The Rotary Club of Bridgend is organising a charity concert in May, with the Bridgend Male Voice Choir, and is delighted to announce that the Pencoed school's Vocal Group has agreed to be part of the programme.

A concert not to be missed!

The Vocal Group is presenting its Easter concert on April 4 and the school show is Chicago, on July 13, 14, 15.

ALAN REEKS

Paul Popham Fund raises awareness for World Kidney Day



Ogmor AM Huw Irranca-Davies pictured at the World Kidney Day event in Cardiff.

THE Paul Popham Fund Renal Support Wales – a charity set up in memory of Paul Popham, who lived over half his life with kidney disease – aims to support kidney patients in leading a better quality of life.

The charity offers a befriending service to help give advice and support to kidney patients that will benefit their physical and psychological well-being, as well as supporting the improvements of facilities.

At an event in Cardiff

recently, Ogmor AM Huw Irranca-Davies and colleagues were provided with a showcase of the charity's work in conjunction with World Kidney Day with their 2017 theme 'Kidney Disease and Obesity'.

The AM commented: "We need to draw the public's attention to the importance of kidney health, what can be done to protect kidneys before disease strikes, and to assist patients who already have chronic kidney disease".

For more information on the Paul Popham Fund Renal Support Wales see: paulpophamfund.co.uk or @PaulPopham Fund.

Bridgend concerts aid Urdd eisteddfod

URDD Gobaith Cymru's forthcoming eisteddfod is being boosted by Bridgend county borough's civic charity and the Mayor, with seven schools from the county borough participating in two concerts to raise £1,000.

The first concert was hosted by DH Jenkins, headteacher at Brynteg Comprehensive School, and the second concert by Angela Keller, headteacher at Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School, Brackla. All schools performed to a very high standard and enthralled the audience with their talent.

Each school will be given the opportunity to choose how they want the money to be allocated, along with the BC civic charity committee members. It has been an experience encouraging some schools to recognise the wonderful work of the Urdd and the enjoyment they can experience.

The schools involved are: Brynteg Comprehensive School, Oldcastle Primary School, Ysgol Gyfun

Gymraeg Llangynwyd, Llangewydd Junior School, Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School, Ysgol y Ferch o'r Sgêr, and St Mary's and St Patrick's Catholic Primary School.

The comperè was Susan Davies, former headteacher at Llangewydd Junior School, who understood the pupils and their needs. The talent was unbelievable and credit and praise must be given to the teaching staff and parents for encouraging and supporting these students in all events.

The concert advertised and arranged for Saturday, March 25 – 'An Evening of Musical Splendour' has been postponed, but a rearranged concert will take place at a date in May.

The next event is 'A Social Evening with a Difference' at the Heronston Hotel, Ewenny Road, Bridgend on Wednesday, April 5, at 7pm. Admission £10, to include a light buffet.

MM

Dee wears two hats!

THIS month's meeting of Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild was the AGM, which was slightly different from usual.

In the absence of Dorothy the chairman, following a fall, and secretary Jean Dorrington's hospital appointment, vice-chairman Dee Richardson had to wear different hats to read the chairman's remarks and the secretary's report.

Dee is now chairman once again, and Freda Rodger vice-chairman. Janet Anderson remains as treasurer and Jean as secretary.

President Ann Barrett handed her badge of office to the new president, Joyce Webb. Next month's meeting will be on April 12 at 2pm in All Saints Church Hall, when Simon Richardson will tell us about his forthcoming charity bike ride from Paris to Swansea in aid of the Air Ambulance.

We are sponsoring Simon – he has a special place in our hearts, being Dee's son and knowing what problems he has had to overcome. Come and be inspired by his story!

MERCHED Y WAWR

Y DARLLEDWR meeting was TV and Huw Llywelyn Davies (Huw Eic) radio presenter and oedd ein gŵr gwadd commentator, Huw Llywelyn Davies (Huw Eic).

I gychwyn, cawsom ganddo frasun diddorol iawn o'i fagwraeth hapus yng Ngwaun Cae Gurwen lle'r oedd ystod eang o chwaraeon a gweithgareddau diwylliannol a chymdeithasol a chwaraeai ran bwysig yn natblygiad cymeriadau'r plant.

Ar y pryd doedd dim termau rygbi ar gael trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg. Bu ei dad, Eic Davies, yntau'n sylwebydd rygbi, yn aelod o banel a fathodd dermau rygbi Cymraeg. Mae'r termau hyn wedi dod yn rhan o lafar gwlad a chydabyddir eu cyfraniad gwerthfawr er hybu'r defnydd o'r Gymraeg ym maes chwaraeon.

Eglurodd pa mor ffodus y bu i gael gyrfa ar y teledu a'r radio oedd yn cwmmpas gwahanol feysydd: sylwebydd rygbi ar S4C, cyflwynydd 'Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol' a rhaglenni o'r Eisteddfod Genedlaethol.

Teithiodd y byd fel sylwebydd rygbi a chwasm storiau doniol iawn am yr hylntion a fu.

Diolchwn iddo am noson ddifur dros ben.

THE guest speaker at Merched y Wawr's March

He outlined his happy upbringing in Gwaun Cae Gurwen, where there was a wide range of sporting, cultural and social activities, which played an important part in children's development and character.

At the time, there were no rugby terms through the medium of Welsh. Huw's father, Eic Davies, himself a rugby commentator, was a member of a panel which created Welsh rugby terms. These terms became part of everyday language and are widely accredited for their valuable contribution in promoting the use of the Welsh language in sport.

Huw explained how fortunate he was to enjoy a career in TV and radio that encompassed a variety of disciplines: rugby commentator in Welsh on S4C, presenter of a Welsh programme similar to 'Songs of Praise' and programmes from the National Eisteddfod.

He travelled the world as a rugby commentator and we enjoyed many amusing rugby yarns.

The group thanked him for a very entertaining evening.

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LIONS' CHEQUE FOR Y BONT



District Governor Godfrey Morris, with welfare members of Bridgend Lions, Y Bont helpers and children.

Castle turns pink to launch Race for Life

COITY CASTLE lit up pink on Thursday evening, March 16, to launch Cancer Research UK's Race for Life event in Bridgend.

The historical landmark will turn pink to encourage local women to walk, jog or run the 5k event.

A guest attending the launch was Ceryl Jenkins from Blaengarw, a service manager at Bridgend's Tesco Extra store. Ceryl is taking part in Cancer Research UK's Race for Life for the seventh time this year.

She has lost many family members to the disease over the years including her father, mother in law, and sister in law.

The mum of two took part in the very first Race for Life, a women-only event, in Cardiff over 20 years ago and has taken part six times since then in both Cardiff and Bridgend Race for Life with a team of over 20 people from the Tesco store, as well as friends and family.

Lisa Sweeting, Cancer Research UK's Bridgend event manager, said: "We were really excited to light up Coity Castle – such a well-known Bridgend landmark – in pink.

"We hope it will encourage lots of ladies to join the fight and sign up to one of our many Race for Life events across south Wales.

"Race for Life events are non-competitive and participants can choose to walk, jog or run around the course.



Cheryl Jenkins at Coity Castle.

Whether they plan to amble with friends or sprint to the finish line, every step they take will help to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.

"Every day, 52 people are diagnosed with cancer in Wales. That's why we're calling on women in the area to make 2017 a year to remember.

"Together, we can stop this devastating disease in its tracks."

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life, in partnership with Tesco, is a women-only series of 5k, 10k, Pretty Muddy, Marathon and Hiking events which raises funds for life-saving research.

To enter Race for Life's 5k, 10k or Pretty Muddy events, visit raceforlife.org or call 0300 123 0770.

A CHEQUE was recently handed over by Bridgend Lions' president OJ Paton to Y Bont's fundraising manager Clare Jenkins.

Y Bont is a small independent charity and relies on sponsors, donations and fundraising activities to cover an operational cost of some £300,000 per year, which is no mean feat when so many charities need money.

Clare was delighted with the Lions' cheque in its centennial year, which will be used to purchase IT equipment, such as cameras, skooog and laptops, to aid the children in their further development.

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THE CHEQUE IS HANDED OVER.

Dance group's prize is to star in a special video!



A dance team from Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen (CCYD) are celebrating after winning an S4C competition.

Most of the members of 'Step by Step' are CCYD pupils, and they recently won the final of the 'Welsh Factor' in Swansea.

The prize – as well as the top spot

and trophy – was starring in a dance video costing up to £20,000 which could lead on to bigger things for the girls in future.

A CCYD spokesman said: "The dance group, run by sisters Rachel and Rebeckah Warwick, have worked tirelessly all year, practising two nights a week for four hours a night."



Ten-year-old Pil Primary School pupil Cameron Tune with the staff and paramedics who saved his life.

School staff's first aid training saved young pupil's life

Quick-thinking staff from Pil Primary School were due to receive a special award last week – after helping to save the life of a pupil who had suffered a cardiac arrest.

In January, 10-year-old schoolboy Cameron Tune collapsed in the foyer of the Pyle school, and the seriousness of the situation soon became clear as he had stopped breathing.

Staff quickly administered first aid, which included CPR, before paramedics arrived on scene.

After administering a shock with a defibrillator, the paramedics were soon supported by other medical staff who helped to stabilise Cameron's condition before he was driven by ambulance to the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff.

Cameron was later transferred to a hospital in Bristol where an 'Automatic Implantable Cardiac Defibrillator' was fitted in his chest, so that it can treat any dangerously abnormal heart rhythms.

After a spell in hospital, Cameron is now back at school.

Last Friday, five staff from Pil Primary – Paula Rowlands, Cheryl Rowlands, Karen Flower-Robbins, Sarah Wallace and Head teacher Neil Pryce – were due to be presented with a Mayor's Citizenship Award by the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough for their quick-thinking.

Held annually, the awards are staged to reward the county borough's 'unsung heroes' who have done something remarkable in local communities either during the last year or over a sustained period of time.

Coun Reg Jenkins, the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, said: "I was astonished to hear Cameron's story and the remarkable way that school staff responded.

"They undoubtedly saved Cameron's life and I will be honoured to present them with a citizenship award. I'm pleased to hear that Cameron is back in school and doing well, and I hope that his family's lives are

gradually getting back to normal after such a traumatic time."

Pil Primary Head teacher Neil Pryce said: "I can't praise the staff enough for their response in dealing with very a serious and life threatening situation.

"I am immensely proud of their actions on the day.

"A small number of staff administered CPR, while others ensured that all children were cared for sensitively and given reassurance.

"Having to perform CPR on a pupil is not what you expect to do in a normal school day, but thankfully all staff had received first aid training last September which has proven to be invaluable.

"I'm pleased to say that Cameron is back in school after only six weeks and it is amazing to see how well he looks. "I would very much like to thank the paramedics, air ambulance, doctors and police for their swift response."

After calling by the

school last week, Paramedic Steve Smith, who is based at Bryncethin Ambulance Station, said: "We were just so happy to see Cameron back in school after such a short time.

"Although we were on the scene within minutes of the call, those minutes that the teachers carried out CPR saved his life really."

His colleague Gareth Evans, who has been with the ambulance service for about 28 years, said: "I was a bit emotional when I heard that Cameron was better as seeing a child ill is the most upsetting thing.

"It's all about getting oxygen flowing and by starting CPR as early as his teachers did definitely helped."

To show their appreciation for the emergency service's response, a number of Pil Primary staff are planning to climb Pen y Fan on Wednesday, April 12, to raise funds for the Wales Air Ambulance and to buy a defibrillator for the school.

School all ears for deaf charity

THE students at Porthcawl Comprehensive School are all ears – after pledging to raise money for Action on Hearing Loss Cymru, which supports Welsh people who are deaf, have hearing loss or tinnitus.

The school raised £172 for the charity at its Christmas carol concert, and is now planning to support the charity throughout the rest of 2017.

Action on Hearing Loss Cymru will continue to visit the school throughout the year, providing information on technology to help students with hearing loss in the classroom, as well as sessions on the social and emotional effects of hearing loss.

The fundraising effort was organised by Hannah Jenkins, a student at the school who has hearing loss herself.

Hannah said: "Having hearing loss myself, I know how hard it can be – especially in a busy, noisy, school

environment. I'm really looking forward to the charity coming to the school for deaf-awareness sessions as it makes such a difference when people know to do the little things to communicate with you."

Pupils at the school have also pledged to take part in some of the charity's fundraising challenges, including an abseil and fire walk.

Richard Williams, Director of Action on Hearing Loss Cymru, said: "We're very grateful to everyone at Porthcawl Comprehensive School who contributed to the collection and especially to Hannah for organising it.

"The earlier we can educate people about the benefits of being deaf-aware the better, and we hope the pupils at Porthcawl Comprehensive will go on to be ambassadors in their local community."

To find out more about the charity's work in Wales, or to sign up for one of their upcoming fundraising challenges, visit www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/wales

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Cor Bro Ogwr warm up with a face flex!



Cor Bro Ogwr do their 'big face' warm-up!

AT the start of every rehearsal, Cor Bro Ogwr's conductor Rosie Howarth makes sure the choir are put through a variety of warm-up exercises.

One is called 'big face', there's a 'little face' too, a 'big dog pant' and a huge yawn to finish off. And that's before the vocal warm-ups, which usually end up in laughter – a great way to start rehearsals, a choir spokesperson reports.

The choir's next concert will feature John Rutter's *Requiem*, a contemporary requiem completed in 1985. This will be supported by a small orchestra, accompanist Glenn Crooks and soprano, Sarah Jane Griffiths.

Sarah is a graduate of The Royal Northern College of Music, a world renowned conservatoire. She is currently a member of the BBC National Chorus of Wales and has sung a variety of opera excerpts. She is much in demand as a soloist with a number of south Wales choirs.

She will be delighting the audience with some solo pieces

of her own.

Also forming part of the concert will be Mendelssohn's 'Hear My Prayer' which most people will recognise as 'O For The Wings of a Dove'; 'Love Divine' by Howard Goodall, a contemporary composer.

Amongst his works are the scores for *The Vicar of Dibley*. The choir will also sing Welsh songs, finishing with 'Zadok the Priest'.

This is a really varied programme for an

Easter concert with music for all tastes.

As a charity, the choir relies on the support of audiences and financial support from Ty Cerdd, with money from the National Lottery Fund, channelled through the Welsh Arts Council, sponsored by the Welsh Government.

Without this support, the choir could not attempt important pieces requiring orchestras and soloists.

These are students or recent graduates from The Royal College of Music and Drama, or performers from Wales, for whom the choir provides a platform to enable them to progress their careers.

The Easter concert will take place on Saturday, April 22, at 7pm at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl. Tickets (£10) available at the door, from choristers or on 01656 653326.

Pupils learn how to tackle bullying



The interactive resource was created to highlight the impact of bullying.

BRIDGEND Communities First and Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School recently worked together in partnership to set up a bullying awareness session at the school.

The session was aimed at raising awareness of bullying with year-7 and 8 students to help pupils gain an understanding of bullying and its effects.

Chris Warlow, a retired police constable from South Wales Police, delivered an interactive session and encouraged students to think more about bullying and where to seek support and advice.

He said: "I was delighted at the way the pupils engaged with the 'words don't hurt' session where we talked about how words actually do hurt. While the session was hard hitting, the purpose is not to shock but to help them understand the massive impact that bullying can have on the victims."

Archbishop McGrath said it was "a very successful session which was well received by the pupils."

If you would like to find out more about Bridgend Communities First learning opportunities and activities, visit the what's on page at www.commfirstbridgend.co.uk or call 01656 643514.

Farmers' Market Porthcawl

THE next Porthcawl Farmers' Market is Saturday, March 25 at the Griffin Park Community Hall in New Road, Porthcawl.

The usual range of quality local produce and crafts will be available, plus the market café, providing cakes, teas coffee and the ever popular bacon baps.

The market website is no longer in use but unfortunately can still be accessed and shows the venue as Awel y Mor, but this should be ignored.

BAVO 'FIRST IN WALES TO ACHIEVE QUALITY AWARD'



The BAVO team receive its award.

BRIDGEND Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) has become the first county voluntary council in Wales to achieve the edition 4 PQASSO quality mark, funded by the Big Lottery Fund.

The award, endorsed by the Charity Commission, signals that an organisation has been externally assessed and achieved a recognised level of quality for running an effective organisation.

Andrew Owen, head of funding at the Big Lottery Fund in Wales, said: "It's great to hear that BAVO has become the first organisation in Wales to achieve the PQASSO Quality Mark."

BAVO's chief executive officer, Heidi Bennett said: "BAVO staff always work really hard to ensure they deliver the highest standards of service to our members and the wider voluntary sector."

"We are delighted that BAVO has a PQASSO Mentor, who will be able to promote the standard and provide a local service to assist local groups with their 'quality journey'."

For Saint David – a floral tribute!



Newcastle Ward surgeries booked

RECENTLY elected Conservative councillor Carolyn Webster is holding a surgery for residents of Newcastle Ward.

"As I am a working mum, I am aware that surgeries during a weekday might prove troublesome for some and surgeries on a weekend might prove awkward for others."

With this in mind, Coun Webster will be available for all residents, including the First Minister of Wales, who lives in her ward, to come to Bridgend United Church, Tondur Road, Bridgend (CF31 4JA, opposite the Embassy car park) to meet residents to discuss their concerns on Friday, March 31 between 11am and 12pm and Saturday, April 1 between 10am and 12pm.

Should you require further information, she can be contacted on 07743574786.

VISITORS to the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, were impressed with the floral tribute that was on display around St David's Day.

Local photographer Keith E Morgan took this image of nurses Clare (left) and Emma looking out from the Blood Sampling Room at the floral display of the Welsh Dragon flag, presented to the hospital by Tesco in Bridgend.

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Porthcawl care home scores top marks in a national survey



Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court.

RMBC care home Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court has received top marks in a nationwide survey of care home residents.

The results showed that 97 per cent of residents polled said that they were happy living at the care home, compared to the national average of 92 per cent.

It stated that 97 per cent of residents said that staff treat them with kindness, dignity and respect. Of the people polled, 100 per cent said that they can take part in activities and hobbies at the care

home if they wanted to.

The care home organises regular activities and events, and works closely with local community groups, to support residents' health and wellbeing and to help them stay connected.

The Your Care Rating survey is the UK's largest survey of care home residents. Now in its fifth year, it aims to give care home residents a voice by giving their views through an independent survey.

It helps care providers to see which areas they are performing well in and also where they can improve the quality of



care. A total of 18,786 residents in 914 homes across the country took part.

Alyson Owen-Neill, home manager said: "The care sector is constantly evolving and people's needs are

changing. As an organisation, we are always working closely with our residents and their families to provide person-centred care, which means care that meets a person's individual needs."

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE?

Ian Jones - Bryngwynnog, Hendre Road, Coity - Discharge of conditions 2 and 3 of P/16/829/FUL.
Thomas Avenue, Brynmenyn Industrial Estate, Brynmenyn - Storage of empty skips within curtilage/compound of recycling unit.
Mr M Kehoe - 9 Nant Ffornwg, Cefn Glas, Bridgend - Single garage and shower room to side elevation.
Mrs Kelly Burns - 15 Llwyn Glas, Broadlands - Retrospective consent to convert garage to sitting room.
Mr and Mrs Page - Heronston Barn Cottage, Heronston Hall, Heronston Lane, Bridgend - Remove condition 9 of P/07/647/FUL to allow use of converted building as residential rather than holiday let.
Mr Adam Cooper - 5 Cae Derwen, Bridgend - Coppice ash and sycamore to 4.5ft to reinstate as hedge as trees have become unsafe.
Mr and Mrs David Newton-Williams - Garden of The Cottage, 34 Esplanade Avenue, Porthcawl - New mews type development in garden (three dwellings).
Daniel Smith - Vacant land above 49 Albany Road, Pontcymmer - Proposed three bedroom dormer bungalow affecting footpath 80 Garw Valley.
Mr Richard Knight - Mount Pleasant Farm, Pyle - Relax condition 1 of P/08/323/FUL to increase the number of caravans stored on site to 100.
A Pinchers and J Jones - 45 Glanrafon Road, Pencoed - Two storey rear extension.
Jonsjans Ltd - Unit 3/4 Pentre Felin Retail Park, Maesteg Road, Tondur - Two externally illuminated fascia signs.
Mr Ian Davies - 29 Cwrt Pant yr Awel, Lewistown, Ogmere Vale - Rear single storey extension.
Mr Christopher Davies - 8 Linden Way, Danygraig, Porthcawl - Increase roof height/loft conversion, two storey extension and double garage.
Subsidence Management Services - 15 Lark Rise and 17 Lark Rise, Brackla - Fell 1 x Ash tree at 15 Lark Rise and fell 1 Hawthorn tree at 17 Lark Rise.
HD Ltd - Island Farm Institute of Sport, Island Farm, Merthyr Mawr, Bridgend - Amendments to the working of conditions 7 and 8 of P/14/824/RES; Amendment to the working of condition 13 of P/14/354/RES.
Mr Neil Edwards - Land adjacent to 2a Lower Adare Street, Pontcymmer - Discharge conditions 8 and 9 of P/16/441/FUL.
Mr Richard Tyan - 11 Ewenny Road, Bridgend - Retention of ground floor one bed self contained flat at the rear of 11 Ewenny Road. Retention of five bedsits at first floor level at 11 Ewenny Road.
Mr Gareth Morgan - 1 Ysbryd-y-Coed, Penyfael - Crown reduce Cherry Blossom tree to front garden.
Miss Elise David - The Old Malt House, Heronstone Lane, Bridgend - Outdoor all weather riding arena on area previously used as a grass surfaced horse exercise paddock.
Mr J David - Land fronting Waterton Lane, Waterton - Reserved matters relating to P/13/579/OUT (three detached dwelling) including siting, design, external appearance of the buildings, the means of the access thereto and the landscaping of the site.
Pinetree Car Superstore - Boundary post and rail fence between the Cherry Laurel and A473 highway verge, Banks Buildings Access Road, Bridgend Industrial Estate - Non-illuminated directional sign; low level sign mounted on boundary post and rail fence.
Andrew Gash - 2 Court Road, Bridgend - Change of use from D1 to B1 office use.
Merthyr Mawr Estate Office - School House, Merthyr Mawr, Bridgend - Replacement of 1970s bedroom window on northwest elevation of property with traditional timber mullioned window with leaded lights.
South Wales Land Developments Ltd - Land east of A4061 (Bndr) Coity - Removal of condition 4 of P/14/464/OUT.
Mr Darren Bevrige - Land at Rock Street, Aberkenfig - Proposed training block and laboratory testing.
Mr Brian Lloyd - 16 Wood Street, Maesteg - Detached garage to rear elevation.
Mr Andrew Baker - 2 Heol y Blodau, Bridgend - Extension of a single storey shed x 2 mts, clear perspex roof, garage door to front.
Castell Homes - Coed Parc, Park Street, Bridgend - Convert/renovate Coed Parc to 2 residential dwellings (inc extension, alterations and part demolition) and construct 13 new residential dwellings with new access, landscaping parking and associated works (amended plans received).
Mr Robertson - The Yard, Rogers Lane, Cefn Cribwr - Replace old workshop space with new workshop.

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Spar stars raise funds for defibrillators in Llanharry



Coun Barry Stephens, MP Chris Elmore and Huw Irranca-Davies AM are pictured with staff who raised funds for the defibrillators.

STAFF at the Spar and Post Office Llanharry have raised funds to acquire two defibrillators for the village.

Ogmore Labour politicians Huw Irranca-Davies AM and Chris Elmore MP visited the store with local councillor Barry Stephens to meet the staff.

Mr Irranca-Davies said: "It's great to see Llanharry village having this essential life-saving piece of emergency equipment available for residents."

"Well done to the

staff who have worked tirelessly in raising funds to purchase two defibrillators."

Mr Elmore said: "It is a shocking statistic that sudden cardiac arrest kills over 2,000 people a week in the UK alone."

In communities with access to an defibrillator, prompt defibrillation puts survival rates at over 50 per cent – it is literally a life saver.

"I'm delighted to see Llanharry getting the defib and I hope to see them in all communities."

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Pencoed Town and District Twinning event

PENCOED Town and District Twinning Association is inviting everyone to an evening of music when Tinnitus – a group made up of doctors and friends who share a love of music – will be playing music.

They cover Welsh folk, rock, vintage pop and comedy, and the proceeds of the evening will raise funds for the Twinning Association and a charity nominated by Tinnitus.

The event takes place at Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall CF35 5PE on Friday, March 31 at 7.30pm. Tickets (£7.50) are limited, so early booking is advised either with Mark Steer on 01443 230282; email: marksteer150@gmail.com or Wendy McDonald on 01656 865633.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available, but attendees should bring their own beers, wine and juices. There will also be a raffle.

'DON'T LOSE IT, LOCK IT!' Police take the crime prevention message to Bridgend hospital



ABMU's assistant director of strategy Des Keighan and South Wales Police crime prevention adviser Debra Elward with PCSOs Richard Thomas, Joel Hopkins, Bethan Owen and John Pegler.

POLICE have joined forces with ABMU Health Board Princess of Wales Hospital, as part of an ongoing crime prevention initiative to raise awareness with patients, visitors and staff.

Members of the local neighbourhood policing team were on hand recently, to give crime prevention information and security staff joined the initiative by placing leaflets on vehicle windscreens in the staff car park.

ABMU's assistant director of strategy, Des Keighan, said: "This is the second vehicle crime prevention initiative and not only targeted visitors as they came into the hospital, but also featured a leaflet drop on staff cars to highlight good practice for vehicle security."

"Working with South Wales Police we will be looking to highlight a number of issues over the coming months including targeting violence and aggression, theft and home security when you are in hospital for an extended stay or on holiday."

Debra Elward, crime prevention adviser with Bridgend Police, said: "While car crime isn't an issue within the hospital, today's event was all about



"Don't lose it, lock it! PCSOs Richard Thomas and Joel Hopkins put leaflets on cars in the main car park at the Princess of Wales Hospital."

raising awareness about how patients, staff and visitors can protect their property and why it is so important not to leave articles on display.

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Independent to stand in Wenvoe ward



Russell Godfrey

RUSSELL GODFREY has confirmed that he will be standing as an independent candidate for the Wenvoe Ward in the forthcoming May elections.

The Wenvoe ward is one that has seen many changes in recent years, with two ongoing new housing developments (in Wenvoe) and one

about to commence in St Nicholas, along with the redevelopment of the Cambrian Park Home Site and the loss of the HTV Studios.

Mr Godfrey said: "My main aim if elected is to do my utmost to protect the remaining green belt within the ward

"I would ensure that residents' concerns within the ward are raised with the Vale Council and do my utmost to get satisfactory responses to these issues.

"I would hold regular surgeries across the ward.

"If anyone would be interested in helping in anyway with my campaign please contact me via the following email address: russell.godfrey@live.co.uk or by telephone on 07724 827 496."

Table top sale
ON Saturday, April 1 at 11 am, a table top sale will be held at Crossway Methodist Church, Court Road, Barry.

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Young ballet contenders need sponsors for 'Dance World Cup'

THE Nicola Peros Ballet School, which holds classes in Barry and Cardiff, has announced that 10 young ballet students aged between nine and 12 have qualified to compete for Team Wales in this year's Dance World Cup in Offenburg, Germany.

Keira Durston will be competing in the Pointe Solo and Ellie Daniels, Grace Long, Elizabeth Hope Angove, Leia Cavaliere, Louise Bagnall, Mollie Foley, Mia Thomson, Stefanie Maurer and Eleanora Smalley will all be competing in a group dance at the opening ceremony on June 23, at what is considered by some to be the Olympic Games of the dance world.

In order to cover the costs of sending the talented young dancers to the event, the ballet school is trying to raise around £4,000 to pay for accommodation, flights, travel costs to the venue and the dancers' costumes.

According to school principal and RAD registered teacher,

Nicola Peros, the students will be carrying out a number of fundraising activities, such as bag packing at local supermarkets, and they will be holding a craft fair and coffee morning event at St Nicholas Hall, Barry on April 29.

Members of the public are encouraged to come and support the students at these events.

There is also a crowd funding Just Giving page.

Nicola said: "A £5 donation will cover the cost of ribbons for the shoes for the dancers so anything members of the public can donate will be greatly appreciated."

They have put together a sponsorship package for businesses, which includes - for a £250 donation - a business/company logo on the Team Wales tracksuits, press activity in the form of a dedicated press release for the business/company to publicise the sponsorship, the logo to appear on the Nicola Peros Facebook page, website and on any adverts.

Nicola continued: "This is an amazing opportunity for local businesses to get behind



Some of the young dancers who will be heading for Offenburg.

talented young children in the area. Over the years, we have had a number of talented young dancers go on to top vocational schools, including The Royal Ballet School, Elmhurst School, Hammond School, Chester and Trinity Laban Conservatoire in London. Our students have also appeared regularly on the TV". To sponsor the dancers, contact Nicola Peros on 07850 741136 or email: info@nicolaperosballet.com.

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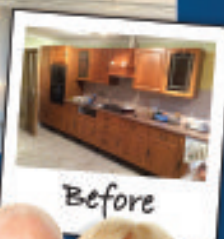
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TABLE TOP SALE GIVES SANDVILLE SELF-HELP CENTRE A REAL BOOST!

**Report and photographs
by KEITH E MORGAN.**

THE Neighbourhood Policing Officers from South Wales Police provide regular surveillance around the Sandville Court area.

Sister Gwyneth Poacher wanted to show appreciation for this service by inviting along three of the PCSOs to formally open the 125th table top event at Sandville held last Saturday.

Unfortunately, the 'best laid plans of men and mice' took a hand as at the time the PCSOs were due at Sandville, they were on a call-out and could not make it.

The sale went exceedingly well raising £700.64 for the Sandville Foundation.

The three PCSOs, Ceri, Kirsty and Richard did arrive and were there to close the event, as Gwyneth thanked everyone who had taken part in helping to make the occasion such a success.

Gwyneth also wanted to give an open invitation to all who wished to join her at Sandville Court for a celebration of the 26th anniversary of the opening of the centre.

There will be entertainment and refreshments provided, as well as the ceremonial cutting and sharing of the birthday cake!



The end of a successful sale.



MP praises committee's suicide prevention work

OG MORE MP Chris Elmore is calling on the media to be more sensitive in its reporting of suicides.

He congratulated Totnes MP Dr Sarah Woolaston and her select committee on work they had done on suicide prevention.

He told her: "She might be aware that in 2007/2008 there was a series of tragic suicides across Bridgend county borough, of which my constituency forms part.

"I obviously was not a Member of this House when those suicides took place, but they are a major part of people's memories of what happened.

"On media attention, the hon Lady may be aware that a film was made about those suicides that was not welcomed by the various communities.

"I am glad she is pursuing the part of the report on tackling the media impact regarding the glorification of suicide, if I can put it like

that.

"Suicide prevention and health policy more widely are devolved to the Welsh Government, but will she consider sharing the select committee's report with the Welsh Assembly's Health and Social Care Committee?"

"I passionately believe that if we can learn best practice on tackling suicides from select committees in the Scottish Parliament, the Northern Ireland Assembly or, indeed, the Welsh Assembly, we should share that throughout the UK."

Dr Woolaston said she would be delighted to meet Mr Elmore and share the committee report.

She told him: "I agree that we should be sharing best practice throughout the devolved nations and England.

"On the specific point about the role of the media, the Samaritans has produced really clear guidelines which I hope all media organisations will look at closely.

"We should also go beyond broadcast and print media and look at the role of social media and the internet."

Michael Prosser.

MP sings praises of Nant Lais home



The MP (centre) pictured at the community home.

EMMAUS south Wales was delighted to receive a return visit from Madeleine Moon at Nant Lais, the community home for former homeless people on Friday.

The Bridgend MP is a longstanding supporter of the charity in Bridgend and recently mentioned Nant Lais when speaking in the House of Commons.

Tom Clarke, CEO of Emmaus, said: "It is good of our busy MP to visit the first Emmaus south Wales community home at Nant Lais in Bridgend, again.

"Mrs Moon spoke at length to one of the companions, asking questions about what it meant to him to live there and how he felt about being part of a community.

"She was able to see at first-hand how Emmaus south Wales provides a good home and something meaningful to do for people wanting a fresh start, and we have places for others who want that fresh start, too."

For more information visit website: www.emmaus.org.uk/south_wales or contact Jean Fenner on 01656 651694.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN NORTH CORNELLY

A LOCAL charity, the Bro Morgannwg Baby Loss Support Group, stands to benefit from two days of fundraising events in North Cornelly.

On the weekend of April 8/9, North Cornelly Community Hall will be the venue for an action-packed weekend of dance and craft.

On the Saturday, there will be a dance fitness zumbathon event, organised by local zumba and dance fitness instructor Andy Burnett (Zumba With Andy).

On the Sunday, there will be an Easter Fayre full of craft stalls, refreshments, and activities.

The weekend follows a successful zumbathon hosted last year by Andy for Dogs Trust Bridgend.

He is hoping for another great outcome with this action packed weekend for all.

Saturday, April 8. For the three-hour zumbathon, Andy will be joined by other zumba instructors from the area.

Tickets for the event are £6 and will be available on the door, with a raffle at the event with prizes

donated from local businesses from around Bridgend.

Doors open at 1.15pm, with the zumbathon, 1.30pm to 5.30pm.

Sunday, April 9. At the Easter Fayre, local crafters will be displaying their work with refreshments and face painting. Crafters will be doing Tarot Card Readings and Indian Head Massage tasters.

There is free admission, and there will be a raffle with prizes donated from the crafters, plus much more. All at North Cornelly Community Centre, 11am to 3pm.

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'A PLACE OF SOLACE AND FUN' Garden opens at Noah's Ark Children's Hospital

The new garden: a bright, child-friendly space.

A NEW purpose-built, specially-designed garden to provide a therapy space for children outdoors, has been opened at the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales.

It was funded by the Welsh Government and Noah's Ark charity.

Celebrations have been led by Vaughan Gething AM, Chair of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board,



Maria Battle, and president and founder of the Noah's Ark charity, Lyn Jones.

Maria Battle said: "The garden is absolutely

beautiful! This bright, child-friendly space will allow families to come down from the wards and play and have fun together, hopefully helping them to relax for a while at such a worrying time."

Lyn Jones said: "The Noah's Ark Garden is very much a symbol of the combined vision we had for a children's hospital for Wales from the outset – a world class paediatric facility, with the needs of children and families at its very heart. "It's also a haven for families, who in some cases are facing long periods apart, to spend time together away from the wards."

"As a charity, we're delighted to have been able to help make the vision for this garden a reality. We hope that it will provide a place of both solace and fun for generations of children to come."

LOBBY OVER PARK HOME LEVY

THE Welsh Government is launching a consultation to consider scrapping a charge on the sale of 'park homes'.

Park home residents are required to pay commission of up to 10 per cent to the site owner – a charge which was last reviewed in 1983, when it was brought down from 15 per cent.

Leader of the Welsh Conservatives – – hosted an event in the National Assembly for Wales this week to give park home residents an opportunity to meet with AMs to discuss the issue.

It followed a rally outside the Assembly where around 100 park home residents were expected to gather to lobby ministers to scrap the charge.

Mr Davies, said: "We wouldn't accept the council charging a 10 per cent levy on the sale of our home, on top of monthly charges like council tax, so why should park home residents have to tolerate it?"

"However, while the Cabinet Secretary's announcement of a consultation on scrapping is welcome, any new rules need to be thought through."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Big Birding Day

A BIG Birding Day will be held on Sunday, April 30 at Kenfig Nature Reserve, from 10am to 4pm.

There will be plenty of events including guided bird walks, a bird ringing demonstration, help with bird ID, making bird feeders, children's activities plus book, cake and plant stalls. All welcome.

Spring fayre

WINDSOR Bowling Club are holding their spring fayre on Saturday, April 1 at the clubhouse in Robinswood Crescent, Penarth, starting at 10am.

Entrance is £1.50 to include a coffee or tea and a hot cross bun. There will be lots of stalls: cakes, bottles, plants, books, jewellery and toiletries, raffle, games and a lucky dip; all welcome.

Spring clean your wardrobe with Samantha B!

AT Samantha B, we have been very busy with the new spring/summer season and so far, we have sold out of five styles already!

As we start to think of spring/summer (difficult at the moment as it's so cold!), we may turn our attention to whether you want a complete new summer wardrobe, or just need to replace certain items, such as the classic white t-shirt or a new pair of crops.

It's really exciting to see all the lovely fresh colours; classic navy, vibrant lime and pastel pink to name a few.

Bianca, thoughtful as ever, has delivered a collection of beautifully tailored trousers, dresses and this season's must have – a floral bomber jacket – feminine without being froufrou, we love it!

Marble have pulled out all the stops too, fabulous colours in their famous ankle grazers;

lime green, pastel pink and cerise, along with classic navy and lovely neutrals.

Marble are not just known for their jeans, they also have lovely summer knits, figure-flattering palazzo pants, maxi dresses and skirts.

We have also thought of the 'April showers' and have a lovely selection of showerproof jackets in navy, lime, pastel lilac, reds – a great way to finish off any outfit.

If you're lucky enough to be going away, we also have some very pretty Pac A Macs.

As ever we have all our favourite labels: adini, Olsen, Brandt, signature, Fransa, David Barry coats, as well as a couple of new labels – what are you waiting for?

If you fancy supporting different charities, we are holding fashion shows at Peterson-super-Ely on March 24; Costa Coffee on March 31 for the Scouts and St Athan Golf Club on April 6.

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Ty Llandaff and Rotary Club team up for Woody's Lodge



Home care manager Janice Evans receives the contributions from Rotary Club's Jill Osbourne. Photograph by Mike Deardon

LUXURY Cardiff care home Ty Llandaff and the Rotary Club of Barry have teamed up to raise money for a military charity.

Ty Llandaff, which opened in December, invited 15 members from the Rotary Club to the multi-million pound care home in Conway Road, Pontcanna for the charity fundraiser, as part of its aim to build links with the local community.

Barry Rotary Club were given an exclusive tour of the care home's fabulous facilities, which include a home cinema, hair and nail salon and piano bar, before sitting down and enjoying a sumptuous three-course dinner.

The evening was hosted by Ty Llandaff care home manager Janice Evans, office manager Elaine Bates and Eirwen Jones, wife of one of the care home's residents.

Ty Llandaff specialises in residential, nursing and respite care and its chosen charity for the evening was Woody's Lodge, which was set up in 2016 by six veterans and one civilian.

It is named after Woody, a member

of the Special Boat Service (SBS), who died in October 2012 during a training exercise preparing for deployment to Afghanistan.

The charity supports local veterans residing in Cardiff and Barry, many of whom are facing welfare, health and social problems.

Rotary Club president-elect, Jill Osbourne, rounded off the charity dinner by presenting sealed gold envelopes from each dining table, full of contributions totalling £135 to Janice.

Janice said: "Ty Llandaff is proud to support nominated charity Woody's Lodge for 2017. They offer a wonderful service to ex-servicemen and women including companionship and direct signposting to agencies and organisations that require skilled support."

"The charity fundraising evening was thoroughly enjoyable and it was a wonderful opportunity for us to team up with the Rotary Club of Barry who carries out some tremendous work supporting local people young and old in the community."

For more information about Ty Llandaff, call Janice on 02920 600 100, email info@tyllandaffcare.co.uk

The Search and Rescue team seeks your vote!

THE Western Beacons Mountain Search and Rescue Team is calling for the public to vote for them – to secure

funding for the Western Beacons Water Safety Project.

The project is one of five in ITV Wales region

competing for National Lottery funding in the 2017 People's Projects competition.

The Big Lottery Fund, ITV and The National Lottery have teamed up to give the UK public the chance to decide how £3 million of National Lottery funding will make a difference in their local area. The three projects with the most public votes will receive grants of up to £50,000.

On Friday, March 24, ITV Wales will showcase the Western Beacons Water Safety Project at 6pm.

The team is a volunteer organisation and registered charity that responds 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to requests from police to mount search and rescue operations.

Michael Jeffery, deputy team leader, said: "Being chosen as a good cause to receive funding from the People's Project is vital to getting our project underway. On average, every 20 hours in the UK someone drowns, while hundreds more suffer life-changing injuries through near drowning each year."

"With this funding, we can help reduce those numbers and increase our capability to respond to such incidents when they happen."

Voting closes at noon on Monday, April 3.

For more information, visit www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk.

Queen's Baton Relay has three local stages



AS part of this year's Commonwealth Day celebrations, the Queen set the Gold Coast 2018 Queen's Baton Relay in motion during a launch ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

Team Wales announced that the Baton will visit several places in Wales in September, including Bridgend, Barry, and the Royal Mint in Llantrisant, during its 388-day journey through the entire Commonwealth.

In total, the Baton will cover nearly 143,000 miles en route to its final destination, the opening ceremony of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games on April 4, 2018.

Chris Jenkins, Commonwealth Games Wales chief executive, said: "We're extremely proud to announce this route."

"Team Wales brings together all those competing or supporting our athletes to perform to their absolute best at the Commonwealth Games. This inclusive

relay will give everyone that can't make it to the Gold Coast a chance to be involved in an unforgettable experience.

"As the baton travels through Wales, our aim is to celebrate our rich and diverse heritage, culture, language and landscape on an international stage. The

first day of the Welsh route will see the baton setting off from Swansea, travelling to our sponsor CGI's offices in Bridgend, and then on to Barry Island and Butetown in Cardiff."

The Welsh leg of the Queen's Baton Relay begins in Swansea on September 5.

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Purple plaque puts inspiring women in their rightful place



ON International Women's Day, March 8, Jane Hutt AM joined fellow AMs in the newly-formed Assembly Labour Women's Group to launch a bid for improved recognition of Wales' influential women.

Across Wales, the overwhelming majority of blue plaques highlight men's achievements – with the local exception of Dorothy Rees – the first woman MP for Barry. So the group came up with the idea of acknowledging the achievements of women via purple plaques.

The first plaque will recognise the work of women's rights campaigner, former director of Shelter Cymru and the Equal Opportunities Commission

Wales and admired former Swansea East AM, Val Feld, who died in 2001.

Jane Hutt said: "There have been so many remarkable, inspiring women in Wales who've contributed greatly in fields from politics to science to literature. It's entirely right they should be publicly acknowledged and the purple plaque scheme will do a great deal to encourage this."

"In the Vale of Glamorgan and Barry alone, there have been so many influential women that the Vale Council launched a trail in 2013 to commemorate their achievements."

"Indeed, I recently presented the Audrey Jones awards at the Wales Assembly of Women conference – Audrey was one of our many influential Vale women – an inspiring teacher and courageous women's rights campaigner."

Jane Hutt AM at the launch of the purple plaques scheme with Anne Cox, Sue Essex and Assembly Members, Ann Jones, Jayne Bryant, Bethan Jenkins, Hannah Blythin, Julie Morgan, Dawn Bowden, Jenny Rathbone, Julie James, Joyce Watson, Rhannon Passmore, and Eluned Morgan, with a photograph of Val Feld.

Flowers are key to bees' survival



Bombus pascuorum (common carder bee) foraging on red clover.

Photograph by Claire Carvell

NEW research led by the UK's Centre for Ecology and Hydrology says that flower-rich habitats are key to enhancing the survival of bumblebees.

The results, which come from the largest-ever study of its kind on wild bumblebee populations, will help farmers and policy makers manage the countryside more effectively to provide for these vital, but declining, pollinators.

The new study, published in the journal *Nature*, used DNA technology and remote sensing to identify, map and track mother, daughter and sister bumblebees over two years to reveal that access to a range of pollen and nectar-rich flowers is vital to the survival of their populations.

Parking rethink for new homes plan

PROPOSALS for the latest development of new council homes for the Vale are being refined, following a consultation event held in Barry earlier this month.

The redevelopment of the old Brecon Court sheltered housing site will provide purpose-built homes for those who most need them.

Current proposals will see the construction of nine two-bedroom

houses, four three-bedroom family houses, and 15 one-bedroom apartments reserved for older people. All of the new homes will be constructed to Welsh Government standards for social housing.

To help shape the final design of the homes, local residents were

invited to a consultation event at Jenner Park on March 8.

A spokesperson for the council's housing team said: "Those who attended were generally supportive of the scheme, but raised some concerns about parking during events at the stadium. With this in mind, we will now look at amending the layout of the development to provide more car parking."

"We plan to hold a further consultation event later this year, where we hope to be able to present final plans for the scheme."

Demolition of the old sheltered accommodation at Brecon Court began in February and is likely to be completed in late spring.

Vale Resort wins top 59Club award (again)



From left: Hayley Prior, Joanna Church and Louise Powell.

THE health and racquets club at the Vale Resort, Hensol, is celebrating another win at the 59Club Service Excellence Awards, after scooping best 'leisure membership sales team' for the fourth time in five years.

The team were once again named among the best in the customer service industry at the annual ceremony for 2016/17, having previously won the award in 2012, 2014 and 2015.

The Vale Resort was one of six nominated in the category, beating off competition from the likes of the Celtic Manor Resort, Cranleigh Golf and Country Club, Stoke Park, Dubai Creek Golf and Yacht Club and Emirates Golf Club.

Joanna Church, leisure operations manager, who collected the award on behalf of the Resort, said: "We are

absolutely delighted and overwhelmed to have picked up the award for the fourth time in five years."

"It means the world to each and every member of our team, who are passionate and dedicated to providing our customers with first-class service."

"Joining the 59Club was a fantastic decision for us. Its criteria has undoubtedly boosted our sales capacity and we've seen an increase in membership since we joined five years ago."

"Making sure our members feel valued and looked after is pivotal to everything we do here at the Vale Resort, so when a new member of staff joins they are put through a comprehensive induction programme that ensures everyone who walks through our doors is treated like a mystery customer."

"These awards keep us focused. We certainly have no intention of giving up our title easily."

Leekes win Retailer of the year award



Emma Leeke, Joanna Littlejohn and Chris Leeke receive the award.

LEEKES have been named Retailer of the Year at the prestigious Cardiff Life Awards after applying for the first time.

The family-owned retailer was recognised at the recent award ceremony, held at City Hall in Cardiff with managing director Emma Leeke proudly receiving the accolade on behalf of the company.

The awards highlight the best in local business and in making the decision between Leekes and the seven other retailer finalists, the judges recognised the company as "a true family business that has gone from strength-to-strength long term."

"Leekes are thriving and making an important contribution to the local economy."

Emma Leeke commented: "We're

delighted to have been announced as winners in an extremely competitive field, as we celebrate our 120th anniversary of trading as an independent family business."

"We are very proud of the work of our teams and this award is a recognition of the dedication and commitment of our whole team."

From its humble beginnings in the front room of the family home in Clydach Vale, Leekes now have 1,000 employees.

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There's a warm welcome to Sunday lunch at the Sully Sports & Social Club

SUNDAY lunch is a great British tradition, a time in the week for a family get-together – and it's even better if someone else prepares it and gives mum a well-deserved day off.

At Sully Sports & Social Club, 'Peter Froud Catering' provides Sunday lunch and there is a real family atmosphere in the club's original building, which boasts magnificent views across the Bristol Channel.

Recently, my wife and I enjoyed Sunday lunch, courtesy of Peter and his parents, Jules and Mike, who are very much a part of the family concern.

We were greeted warmly by Jules, who showed us to our table and explained that we could choose anything we wanted at the carvery.

DINING FEATURE by TIM CHAPMAN

Sunday lunch is £8.95 for a main course (two different meats if you wish) and you can help yourself to generous servings of roasts, greens and other vegetables. If you want a third kind of meat, it is just another £1.

I enjoyed the roast beef and Yorkshire pudding and the rich gravy. My wife decided to have turkey and pork, which she said was very tasty. As we ate our meal, it was nice to see families with people of all ages meeting up for Sunday lunch. Sully residents are lucky to have the facility on their doorstep.

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I enjoyed Belgian waffle with cream and ice-cream – fantastic! My wife had toffee fudge cheesecake which she said was lovely and creamy, and tasted great. Desserts run at between £3.50 and £3.95.

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Sue Dobbs, centre manager, said: "The fete is a great opportunity to have some fun while

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Staff and volunteers from the centre will be dressing up in fancy dress to help raise funds for the charity, and also selling raffle tickets to win a range of fabulous prizes.

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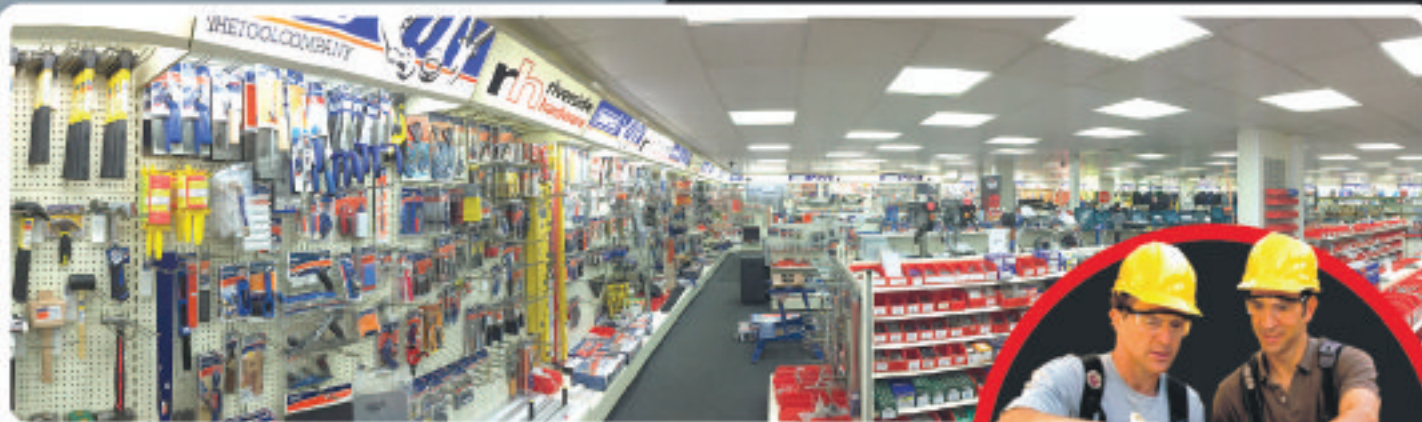
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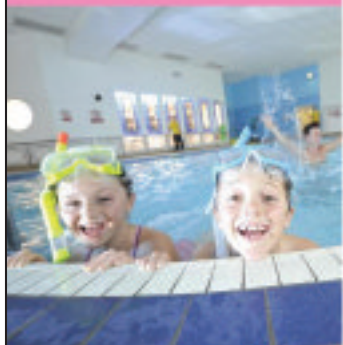
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The 'tale as old as time' gets a freshen-up in Beauty and The Beast

DISNEY'S vault of animated classics has been ripe for live-action remakes, with the likes of *Cinderella* and *The Jungle Book* having had the live-action treatment recently; the next off the production line is *Beauty and The Beast*.

Dan Stevens plays the titular beast, a prince cursed to live his days in his beastly form until he learns love and is loved in return, while Emma Watson is the beauty, Belle, a girl whose dreams have outgrown the small village she lives in.

Pursued by the

pompous Gaston (Luke Evans), Belle dreams of more to life, but when she takes the place of her father (Kevin Kline) who has been imprisoned by the beast, the pair start to fall for each other, aided by the castle's talking clocks, teapots and candlesticks...

It's hard enough to try and take a beloved animated Disney film and bring it up to date in live-action; when you add into the fact that the original *Beauty and The Beast* was the first-ever full length animated feature to pick up a Best Picture nomination at the 1992 Academy Awards, then it makes it that much harder.

However, you wouldn't notice if there were any pressures

being felt as *Beauty and The Beast* is by far the best of the live-action Disney remakes – a stylish, visually gorgeous and a well-told story that oozes the Disney magic from every frame.

It's not surprising in a way; this is a film that uses the animated version as a pretty strict guide, and while there are embellishments along the way, there are no changes that threaten to upset the apple cart, nor is there any attempt at subverting the iconic moments of its predecessor.

The additions to this telling of the story deepen characters and their motivations, and sit particularly well in the way the story is told, but the scenes that come straight from the animated film lose none of their charm in a live-action setting.

Helmed by Bill Condon, a director whose work has always had an element of grandiose (and sometimes dark) theatricality about it, seemed on paper an



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excellent fit, and it certainly proves that on screen.

While the film has a slight gothic sensibility that befits the tone (in some places maybe even too dark for a younger audience), it also doesn't shy away from bombastic set-pieces and a scope and largesse that sit perfectly.

The musical numbers are essayed with no

little style, most notably during 'Be Our Guest' which sees all manner of crockery dance like their lives depend on it, and Condon nails both the drama and the song-and-dance segments, the magic always there.

Dan Stevens is impressive behind some occasionally wonky CGI as the beast, the tortured soul that lies underneath the fur and horns never far from the surface, while Emma Watson may still be a tad too stilted as an actress, but has a good set of pipes on her and essays the role of Belle with some fire and passion that makes her a more rounded heroine.

The real joy lies in the performances beyond the leading pair; Luke Evans has a ball as the pompous (yet equally cruel) Gaston, Josh Gad as his right-hand man LeFou is maniacally enjoyable, while the voices of (in particular) Ian McKellen and Ewan McGregor as the castle's talking objects add a wonderful sense of fun to proceedings.

And for all the slightly darker moments that have that extra punch when relayed in live-action, which is what *Beauty and The Beast* succeeds at delivering; for all the tortured love story machinations, it's a welcoming and familiar slice of Disney fun, something the other films Disney have adapted from animation to live-action haven't quite managed to capture.

You'll be more than happy to be a guest of this magical film.

VERDICT – A wonderfully-realised fairytale, *Beauty and The Beast* is a triumph, a visual feast anchored by some superb set-pieces and a sense of magic. Good performances allied to strong direction make this a faithful, and captivating, live-action updated of the beloved animated original. Highly recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Cinderella* (2015), *Beauty and The Beast* (1991).

Art exhibition marks the International Women's Day



Eileen and Jenny Allan at the Women's Arts Association exhibition.

AN exhibition celebrating International Women's Day by the Women's Art Association opened at the Vale Council's Central gallery recently and will run until March 25.

It includes more than 70 pieces of art work made up of paintings, textiles, photography, sculptural work and an art installation created by women from across Wales.

The open exhibition in Barry allows women at all levels of their creative careers to submit work for exhibition, enabling those less experienced to show work alongside more established artists.

This year the gallery is also celebrating work by Eileen Allan, one of the early members of the women's arts organisation. She has worked in the arts throughout her life, as a

painter and teacher of drama.

Ms Allan has been an advocate for upcoming artists and has supported Art Central Gallery in this, its 10th anniversary year.

Her work can also be seen at the Travellers Gallery and Cafe at Barry train station.

Bronwen Brooks, cabinet member for housing and social care and health, said: "We are delighted to host the Women's Arts Association's exhibition at Art Central in celebration of International Women's Day. It is always an eclectic mix of work, illustrating the broad range of skills those who contribute possess."

The exhibition is easily accessed via the entrance to Barry County Library. For more information visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/enjoying/Art-Central-Gallery

Railway lecture

THE next lecture of the Barry and Penarth Railway Society will be this Thursday March 23.

Local rail enthusiast Jeff Morgan will give a talk entitled: "A Railway Miscellany."

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What's on and where?

Bingo in Rhoose

THE committee at Rhoose Community Hall in Stewart Road is holding a fundraising Bingo afternoon this Saturday, March 15.

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Dragon Saab drive across the Barrage

ON Sunday, April 9 the south Wales branch of the Saab Owners Club, Dragon Saab are once again running their 'Spring Roll' event which includes a drive across the Cardiff Bay Barrage, which is normally banned to cars.

The day, which has proved extremely popular in the Saab Community is running for the fourth year. In 2016 we had an impressive 36 cars attending.

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stunning photo opportunity then park on the Cardiff side of the barrage.

Time is then spent enjoying a pleasurable walk around the bay and a stop for coffee and cake if people want. The day continues by going back across the barrage and then for a picturesque drive around the Vale of Glamorgan and Ogmere.

This year, we have included a trip to visit the Barry Bus Depot, which houses about 40 vintage buses maintained by the Cardiff Transport Preservation Group. We are ending the day with a late lunch around 3.30pm at the Three Horseshoes pub in Moulton.

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break. All proceeds go towards the running of the hall. Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon!

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, March 23, there will be an illustrated lecture by former V&A curator Roger Pinkham on conceptual art and on Thursday, March 30, the society will be holding its annual Keith James Trophy awards, when members' work will be assessed by art lecture and curator Heather Parnell.

The society welcomes artists and non-artists of any level who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures on art topics.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge from 7pm to 9pm; visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com and www.facebook.com/cowbridgeartcas/?ref=bookmarks.

Coffee morning

A COFFEE morning will be held at Tabernacl Hall, Derwen Road, Bridgend on Saturday, March 25 from 10am to 12 noon.

Admission (£2) includes a cup of tea/coffee, with tickets available at the door. Proceeds to the Urd National Eisteddfod, Pen-y-Bont, Taf and Elai, to be held in Pencoed at the end of May.

Choral concert

ON Saturday, March 25 the spring concert given by Cowbridge Choral Society, together with Pontypridd Choral Society and the Cardiff Symphony Orchestra takes place in Bethel Baptist Church, Pontyclun when they will be performing Dvorak's 'Stabat Mater'.

The concert at 7.30pm will be conducted by Jeff Ryan, with soloists Iona Jones (soprano), Hannah Ovet (contralto), Simon Curtis (tenor), and Stephen Hamnett (bass). Tickets from Davies Newsagent, 38 The High Street, choir members, or on the door.

New members are always welcome to join Cowbridge Choral Society, and experience is not essential. Rehearsals take place at the United Free Church, Westgate St (opposite the police station) at 7.30pm on Thursdays.

Ty Hafan lottery draw

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D975:

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'THE MEN WHO BUILT BARRY'

Early retail entrepreneurs between 1887 and 1920: Part 1

Local historian LAURIE OWEN continues his series: THIS WEEK - the growth of Barry's entrepreneurial spirit.

WORK on building Barry Docks began in 1884, with the arrival of thousands of navvies, and this quiet village soon became a bustling town - with tradesmen of all types and their families.

Shopkeepers supplied their basic needs, such as groceries, fruit and vegetables, bread and meat with some selling from their front rooms.

Others with entrepreneurial spirit and ambition, could see greater opportunities.

With regular earnings came greater spending power, and more attention could now be given to personal appearance - with emphasis on fashion for both ladies and gents and home improvement now possible.

This story will focus on just three men of vision, and while they all prospered, two of them continued to feature in the lives of future residents for many

years, with one only ceasing to trade in 2005.

David Lloyd 1859-1946 was born in Llandysiliogogo, a small village on Cardigan Bay, the second son of Thomas and Sarah. His father was farming 360 acres in 1861 and with elder son Evan (1856-1917) the family were sharing their home with five young people, recorded as servants.

John was born a year later and for whatever reason, the three sons chose not to follow the family tradition in agriculture.

David was educated at Newcastle Emlyn Grammar School and received his business training via Aberaeron, Swansea, Cardiff and London, before arriving in Barry around 1887.

In 1881, elder brothers Evan and David already had a sizable drapery shop at 24-26 Clifton Street in Roath, with nine shop assistants and a general servant living with them. Two years later, in the early hours of the morning, a serious fire broke out at their premises, destroying No 24, together with all the stock, worth between £1,500 and £1,800.

Thankfully, the living quarters were next door, so there were no injuries and even though the property was rented and the stock insured, just two months later Lloyd Brothers went into liquidation.

With Barry Docks due

to open, the prospect of a fresh start brought them to town and an early advert in the Barry Dock News of 1889 illustrated their ambition.

With their earlier experience, they were soon trading to a high standard, offering a vast range of suits and hosiery, with a dedicated 'mechanics' department specialising in clothing for all working men: fitters, boilermakers, carpenters, joiners, masons, plasterers, coal trimmers, sailors and navvies.

Significantly, they only catered for men, youths and boys, and their 'made to measure' service offered tweed suits for gentlemen, priced between 30 and 60 shillings.

Having been joined by younger sibling John, by 1891 there were three unmarried Lloyd brothers, living and trading at 89/93 Main Street, just yards from the Royal Hotel. Evan was now working as a 'Commercial Traveller in Clothing', with David and John both recorded as 'Outfitters'.

David was best man when Evan married Ada Amelia Davis at St Cadoc's Church in 1894.

The following year, he was elected to the School Board when he was described as 'one of the oldest, largest and most successful tradesmen in Barry', having already opened the second store at 72 Holton Road.

Competition was intense, not only from local tailors, such as the Gamett Bros in Barry Road and Davies & Sherwood in Holton Road, but also from many in Cardiff who advertised in the local paper, names such as J Hepworth, who rather modestly styled themselves the 'World's Clothiers'.

The establishment of the Welsh Church in Barry had begun in 1889 in a Mission Room at Idlesleigh Street (Main Street) and David, being bilingual, had been one of the founders. Then seven years later, when the new corrugated iron Eglwys Sant Ioan was erected on a permanent site on the corner of Court Road, both David and Evan were lay churchwardens.

Brother John played an active role in the business up until 1899, but just two years later, he returned home with wife Mary and baby Mary Anne, to be a farmer next to his parents.

Evan and Ada were now living at 2 Sea View Terrace with Sarah, David, Thomas Balfour and baby Wyndham Sherston.

In 1897, as chairman,

Evan ran an outing by train to the Wye Valley and Tintern for 'Cadoxton Conservative Club and Institute' and he was also a member of the Oddfellows Association. In 1904 he was elected a Poor Law Guardian and was the chairman and treasurer of the Church League, to spread the word and 'deepen the spirit of brotherhood'.

By 1908, Evan had a shop at 55 Main Street called Daisy Dairy and one day, a surprise visitor called.

PC Dan Driscoll was escorting a Russian seaman charged with murder and another for unlawful wounding, by horse and cart to catch the train to Cardiff from Cadoxton Station.

Travelling from the police station in Holton Road along Court Road and into Main Street, for some reason as they approached Evan's shop, the horse took fright and veered to the right up over the kerb, throwing the driver off his box.

In a second, the alert constable sprang out of the cart dragging the two prisoners with him, as the frantic horse struggled through the front door into the shop and collapsed in front of Evan and a few startled customers. Fortunately, there were no injuries, and they managed to help the poor creature to its feet and out into the road, where amused locals helped to restore the cart to its proper state and the short journey to the station continued.

In the 1911 census, the family were living at 49 Main Street with Evan still a commercial traveller and wife Ada a confectioner with 15-year-old Sarah assisting, most likely in the Daisy Dairy.

Tragedy struck the family when Evan died in 1917, after being in poor health for some time, quickly followed by news that eldest son David was 'Missing In Action' in France.

Meanwhile, David had married Mary Elizabeth Randall in 1897, and by 1901, they were still at 89 Main Street with sons Horace and Thomas; Irving Davies an outfitter's assistant and Sophia Thomas a domestic servant.

Now an established and successful businessman, he would play a major role in civic duties, when in 1905 he was elected a councillor for the Cadoxton ward with the message 'For Justice, Efficiency and Economy'.

He was a lifelong abstainer and temperance advocate and as a 'people's warden', was a good friend of the working classes. Over

the years, his contribution to the people of Barry was considerable.

He was a JP, and at various times was chairman of the Urban District Council, the Public Works Committee, the Lifeboat Saturday Committee, and president of the Cadoxton Bowling Club.

In 1910, as chairman of the Education Committee, an interesting discussion took place as to whether schools should teach children to speak Welsh.

At first this may seem a strange topic in a Welsh town, but it should be remembered that many thousands of new residents came from England and beyond.

David and others from west and north Wales were Welsh speakers, so it was agreed to make it a voluntary system, depending on the teachers and it was duly accepted with 60 per cent support.

By 1911, the family now included six-year-old daughter Dilys Eileen and following the death of David's father Thomas in 1909, his widowed mother Sarah was living with them, together with Mary Kinsey a domestic servant.

A 1918 advert showed that at some point, the business name had been amended to 'D Lloyd & Co' while asserting that 'Quality and Price Defy Competition'.

An interesting story in the press when David was on the council in 1918, told how the Food Control Committee recommended that bakers should use potatoes with flour to make bread, thereby controlling the amount of flour being used.

During this time, it was recorded that his wife Mary Elizabeth was also active in the community, representing the Cadoxton ward of the Cardiff Union Board of Guardians and as a committee member under the Mental Deficiency Act.

Although this short story ends here, David and wife Mary would continue to live at 89 Main Street until Mary died in 1939, followed by David, seven years later.

Long-time residents will know that over time the store in Holton Road would sell a wide range of products for men and women, well into the future.

NURSE TARA SAYS 'HELLO' TO AWARD

TARA REES, a specialist hepatology nurse with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (UHB), has won a British Journal of Nursing (BJN) Hepatology Nurse of the Year award for making a 'significant impact' on patient care.

The BJN awards recognise individuals who do their jobs really well.

Hepatology and liver nurses play a key role in caring for very unwell patients with a range of life-altering conditions and diseases.

Tara said: "I've been a hepatology specialist nurse at Cardiff and Vale UHB for nearly 14 years.

"During this time, I have developed the hepatology nurse-led service.

"As well as managing patients with liver disease locally within the health board, I am part of the liver disease delivery plan panel and also part of the sub group for developing care pathways for



Tara Rees at the award ceremony.

patients with primary liver cancer. I was instrumental in setting up treatment clinics for viral hepatitis in the community.

"I work with an excellent team who have encouraged and supported me. "To be recognised for

the work I have undertaken made me feel extremely proud and honoured.

"Not only to have liver nursing recognised as its own entity, but also to represent Wales, was an absolute privilege."

Twenty Vale Ramblers visited Abergavenny

TWENTY Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers were curious enough to participate in this walk, making their way from Cowbridge to Abergavenny to start the walk and learn more about the history behind the title of the walk.

All was revealed at Abergavenny Castle. This had been the site of the massacre of around 70 men in 1177. They had been invited with their

leader, a local Welsh Prince to a banquet by William de Braose, fifth Lord of Abergavenny.

Unknown to them, de Braose had a score to settle with the Welsh Prince and under the guise of healing old wounds, they were lured into a false sense of security and slaughtered at the banquet table.

Leaving the castle and its memories behind, the ramblers made their way to a more tranquil setting, the Mommouth/Brecon canal. Walking along this peaceful stretch, they enjoyed a coffee stop on the way, before dropping down to the village of Llanellen, a pretty village on the banks of the Usk River and in the shadow of the Bloreng

Leaving the village behind, crossing the river, the walkers continued over farmland, which after the recent wet weather, was very muddy indeed. Seeing and hearing the lambs bleating reminded us that spring is on its way.

This was very much the terrain as we headed back to Abergavenny to enjoy a well earned drink in the pub prior to heading home. Thanks to Mike Carey, Adrian Rowe and Bill Fitzpatrick for leading this walk.

Further information is available at www.valeofglamorganramblers.co.uk.

GWENDA FITZPATRICK

Scarf and handbag 'swap'

ON March 25 between 10.30am and 12pm in Bethel Baptist church hall in Llantwit Major, the foodbank is holding a coffee morning and scarf, handbag and tie swap.

A spokesperson said: "Bring any of these items that you no longer want and swap them for another one. At the same time coffee and cakes will be available for a suggested donation of £3.

The charity is dependent on donations of food and sometimes money, given by people to buy everyday items of food that the foodbank may be running low on.

"These items are needed for families who are supported by the Foodbank.

"Come along, support this good cause and refresh your wardrobe."

'Silent thief of sight' warning

LOCAL RESIDENTS are being warned about the dangers of glaucoma and the importance of having regular eye tests, during World Glaucoma Week (March 12-18).

Described by some as the 'silent thief of sight' due to its gradual onset, it affects about one in 50 people aged over 40 in the UK, and is the leading cause of irreversible blindness worldwide.

Specsavers has teamed up with the World Glaucoma Association and International Glaucoma Association to launch a £1 million awareness campaign aimed at increasing understanding of the condition and the importance of regular eye tests.

Nick King, director at Specsavers in Maesteg, said: "Glaucoma symptoms, unlike those of other eye conditions, often don't manifest until the damage is irreversible. For that reason, it is vital people don't just have eye examinations when they notice an issue, but regularly, to ensure that their eye health is monitored."

For further information or to book an eye test at your nearest Specsavers store, call 0800 068 0241 or log onto www.specsavers.co.uk.

'Woolly Hat Day' for St Mungo's

AS one of the UK's largest homelessness charities, we want to thank your readers for helping to raise £18,500 so far for people who are homeless, by putting on their favourite hat, making a donation, and helping to change someone's life.

St Mungo's Woolly Hat Day took place on January 27 when thousands of people donned beanies, baseball caps and berets and more to help us raise vital funds for our work.

Our St Mungo's vision is that everyone has a place to call home and can fulfil their hopes and ambitions. We provide a bed and support to more than 2,500 people a night who are either homeless or at risk, and work to prevent homelessness. We support men and

women through more than 250 projects including emergency, hostel and supportive housing projects, advice services, specialist physical health, mental health and skills and work services.

We believe in our clients' potential. We are committed to every individual's sustainable recovery.

The money raised helps make a real difference to our services such as helping people off the streets. Across the country, for example, people used our unique hat cupcake recipe to bake cakes for us in schools, offices and in their homes at hat parties.

As a homeless charity, our clients are at the heart of what we do. By putting on a hat for Woolly Hat Day you helped homeless people get ahead.

Pru Sly, Community and events manager, St Mungo's.

SCHOOL NURSES' BEAT THE FLU AWARD



Irfon Rees, deputy director public health division, Welsh Government, with members of the school nursing team: Clare Donoghue, Victoria Bailey, Joanne Jones, Elizabeth Churne and Mari Roberts.

ABMU school nurses are celebrating – after winning an award for their efforts to protect the local community from influenza.

The team of 41 nurses, who are based in the community and look after pupils in 218 schools, won a Public Health Wales Beat Flu award for their work increasing the number of eligible children vaccinated against influenza.

In 2016/17 the nurses vaccinated over 17,000 children, an increase of 12 per cent on the previous year.

The influenza vaccination for children and teenagers (Fluenz) comes in the form of a safe and effective spray which is squirted up the nose.

Having the flu vaccination is very u

important for children, explained ABMU Lead for School Nursing, Susan Anne Jones MBE.

Susan said: "It's important for any child or young person with a chronic condition that puts them in a high-risk group to be vaccinated, as flu is likely to be more debilitating for them."

"It is important for children in the primary school programme themselves to avoid flu, but evidence also shows this age group is the one which spreads the flu bug in the community. So being vaccinated helps to protect the whole community, and especially the older generation, who can become very poorly if they are infected."

"Remember, it's just a nasal spray... no needle involved!"

Further information about the flu vaccination can be found at www.abmu.wales.nhs.uk/flu

The Stagecoach students in West End performance



Stagecoach Performing Arts students on stage in London.

STUDENTS from Bridgend and Cowbridge graced the stage recently to perform at London's famous Her Majesty's Theatre in front of an 1,100-strong audience i

On March 12, students from Stagecoach Performing Arts Bridgend and Cowbridge, performed an impressive piece from the musical *Oliver!* featuring the great musical numbers and characters from Fagin's Gang.

The troupe fine-tuned their routine for several weeks over the spring term and joined 16 Stagecoach schools from across the country for their taste of West End stardom.

Stagecoach Bridgend and

Cowbridge Principal, Helene Reynolds said: "It was wonderful to see our talented students perform in the West End at such an iconic theatre."

"We first took a troupe to perform at Her Majesty's Theatre in 2010 and every year since, myself and dance teacher/choreographer Jaye Lord have taken students to perform there."

"They have also performed at London's Shaftesbury Theatre and the Phoenix Theatre. We are thrilled to give our students such wonderful opportunities and experiences."

Her Majesty's Theatre has hosted many famous musicals such as *West Side Story*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Phantom of the Opera*, which opened in 1986.

Male choir performs at school eisteddfod

PORHCRAWL Male Choir were honoured to be asked to perform at the Porthcawl Comprehensive annual eisteddfod in the Grand Pavilion.

It was a wonderful occasion, and one which members of the choir thoroughly enjoyed.

They began with a favourite Welsh hymn 'Rachie' (better known as 'I bob un sydd ffyddlon'). This first hymn received rapturous applause from the students from years 10,11 and 12.

The choir followed this with two popular songs from *Les Miserables*: 'Bring Him Home'

and 'I Dreamed a Dream' and then a more modern song from Adele's 19 Album, 'Make me Feel Your Love'.

The final song, suited to the occasion, was a choir favourite 'O Gymru'. This again received wonderful support from the students and staff.

This was the first occasion that the choir had performed at a school event and both parties trust it will be the beginning of a long and lasting friendship.

The choir now have a very busy period, with forthcoming concerts:

Saturday, March 25 – the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough concert in aid of

Mayor's charities at Archbishop McGrath High School, Brackla, Bridgend, commencing at 7pm.

Saturday, April 22 – SS *Samtampa* 70th memorial service at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl at 3pm.

Saturday, May 13 – a joint concert with Whitland Male Choir at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl at 7pm (tickets from Porthcawl Choir members, or call 07773 622537).

May 19–22, trip to Torquay and joint event with Tamar Valley Choir.

The choir will also be singing at a number of weddings over the spring and summer months.

MAL EVANS



The college choir.

College choir to link up with Maesteg Gleemen in concert

MEMBERS of the award-winning St John's College Chapel Choir are busy preparing for their forthcoming tour to Wales during the Easter break, before becoming choir-in-residence at Llandaff Cathedral.

Led by choirmaster Alex Poulton, the 30 choristers will begin their tour by performing a joint concert with the Maesteg Gleemen Male Voice Choir at the Bethel Community Church, Castle Street, in Maesteg, on Friday, March 31 at 7.30pm.

The choir then travel to its first residency at Llandaff Cathedral – other residencies have included St Paul's Cathedral, Canterbury Cathedral, York Minster and St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

Services will include Evensong at 5.15pm, on Saturday, April 1 and Eucharist and Evensong at 3.30pm on Sunday, April 2 before the group travel back home to Portsmouth on Monday.

The five-day tour has been organised by the college's head of music, Maesteg-born Derek Jones, and the itinerary includes visits to his home town and Llandaff – both areas well known to Mr Jones, who joined the college in 2015.

He commented: "The boys have been rehearsing twice a week since September so I am confident they will be ready for this tour."

"To sing with the award-winning, experienced and long-established Maesteg Gleemen Male Voice Choir, will be a fantastic opportunity for the boys, while the residency at the cathedral will be an excellent new experience."

LIFEBOATS' SEARCH PROVES FRUITLESS

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In difficult sea conditions, with a large swell and strong winds, the D-Class and Atlantic 85 lifeboats conducted a thorough search, firing white parachute flares once on scene to illuminate the search area.

Speaking to The GEM, Porthcawl RNLI press officer Ian Stroud said: "This was a challenging multi-agency operation in difficult, in fact worsening, conditions, which demonstrated the close co-operation between the agencies."

Other units involved during the search included Llantwit Major and Porthcawl Coastguard teams, SWP, UK, South Wales

Fire and Rescue Service, the Welsh Ambulance Service, Coastguard helicopter 189 (SAR) from St Athan, and the Barry Dock all-weather lifeboat.

As time increased from the initial report, the search area for the Atlantic 85 and SAR heli was increased – taking into account drift – as far as Nash Point.

With weather conditions on scene deteriorating and the D-Class experiencing technical issues, she was released from the search and arrived back at Porthcawl RNLI station around 10pm.

The Atlantic 85 continued searching being joined by Barry Dock lifeboat around 10.30pm.

The wind was gusting to Force 8 and conditions were continually deteriorating.

The Atlantic 85 lifeboat was stood down

from the search and arrived back at station just after 11pm, with an exhausted crew, most of which had been involved in the early-morning search that day search which had taken place earlier in the day.

The search was called off by HMC shortly after the return of the lifeboats. There had been no further reports of three people in the water, and Coastguard officers were content that the area had been thoroughly searched.

Mr Stroud said: "Any search has an impact on the RNLI volunteer crews, and other search-team personnel, and any search poses a risk to those taking part."

"The RNLI, and the agencies involved, take all such reports very seriously, despite the risks, which are multiplied during a night search in challenging sea conditions."

Managing coastal flooding and erosion

PORHCRAWL residents are invited to attend a drop-in session next week to find out more about plans to manage the future risk of coastal flooding and erosion at Sandy Bay and along the Eastern Promenade.

Organised by BCBC, the drop-in session will take place at the Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl on Thursday, March 30 and residents are welcome to call in at any time between 1.30pm and

7.30pm.

The council has conducted a study into which long-term coastal defence improvements should be considered for Porthcawl seafront and the public were also invited to an initial fact-finding event which was held in December.

Featuring a series of information boards and presentation slides, the drop-in session will discuss what work has already been undertaken and the potential options for the future, which are subject to securing Welsh Government funding.

Concert at the Tabernacl
TABERNACL Music Society are holding their spring concert, 'A Celebration of Welsh Music' on Sunday, April 9 at 7pm at Tabernacl Chapel, Derwen Road, Bridgend.

Also taking part are young soloists on piano, harp, and saxophone. The concert will be conducted by Matthew Nash and accompanied by Glen Crooks. Tickets £8; for further details go to cor-tabernacl-choir.co.uk.

GOT A STORY?
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SPORTS DAY FOR THE AIR CADETS



RECENTLY, 24 air cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron travelled to MoD St Athan for a range of sporting fun activities.

The aim was to inspire the air cadets to enjoy and participate more frequently in sports, while improving their fitness and stamina.

This was also a great social opportunity meet cadets from other squadrons and make new friends.

During the day, the cadets tried their hand at archery, bench ball, fun circuits, soft ball, trim trail, Unihoc, spin bikes, tug of war, crab football, ultimate Frisbee and visually impaired football, using all the gym facilities.

Each session allowed the cadets to try the many sports on offer, especially non-traditional sports which the cadets may never have tried before.

Helen Gibson was on hand to raise the awareness and work of RAFA Youth and Sergeant Carl Graham from RAF careers attended to provide a range of sporting activities.

Flight Lieutenant Jason Horton, Sports Officer for No.1 Welsh Wing said: "The cadets experienced a range of sports with the focus on fun to inspire the cadets to participate more often in sports."

"Several instructors from No.1 Welsh Wing gave their time, energy and enthusiasm to ensure the sports day was a great success."

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 (Barry) Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7pm to 9.30pm, behind Adams Funeral Parlour or you can the Squadron on 07486 501864; email oc.372@aircadets.org or visit www.372squadron.org.uk for more information.



Quality Skills Alliance honours top apprentices at awards ceremony



The winners at the QSA Awards.

SIXTEEN top apprentices have had their hard work and dedication celebrated at a special awards ceremony.

Employers and practitioners who have gone that extra mile in their commitment to work based learning were also recognised at the ceremony, held in the spectacular surroundings of Cardiff and Vale College's city centre campus and hosted by Lucy Owen.

The apprentices' commitment was celebrated at the fourth annual awards ceremony held by the Quality Skills Alliance – a consortium of work-based learning providers made up of 22 partners and subcontractors.

The awards celebrate excellence and achievement, and the winners were chosen by a panel comprising the QSA's chair – CAVC chief executive Kay Martin – and board.

The overall award for Apprentice of the Year went to Tom Grainger, who is employed by Mercedes Benz, Cardiff and Newport, and through rapid development completed his apprenticeship in June last year.

This year saw the first junior apprenticeship award.

recognising the achievements of Cardiff and Vale College's Junior Apprenticeship programme.

The first ever winner of the award is 16-year-old Caine

Meredith, who is on CAVC's auto pathway.

Chloe Davies, a Cardiff and Vale College Apprenticeships (CAVCA) learner, won the hair and beauty award.

She started as a full time learner but moved over to an apprenticeship and despite having to change salons in the middle of her framework, she was able to progress from Level 2 to Level 3 Hairdressing, complete her course and is now in full time employment at The Business in Dinas Powys, where she also manages the salon's Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Alex James is employed as an apprentice by The Classroom, Cardiff and Vale College's restaurant. A hard worker who has become an integral part of The Classroom's AA college rosette-winning team, Alex has represented the college in the Skills Wales competition.

CAVC runs a successful apprenticeship scheme with Deloitte at its Cardiff Delivery Centre. Business administration award winner Brandon Lee Evans completed his apprenticeship before his expected end date, setting himself ambitious targets. Now employed full time at Deloitte, he is keen to enter its Bright Spark programme in 2017.

The health and social care award was won by CAVCA apprentice Laura Gurd. Laura

has been with Fun Start Childcare since it opened in Cardiff and greets every new challenge with enthusiasm, excitement and passion.

The role model award was won by former creative and digital media apprentice Dewi Foulkes for his work at special effects firm Real SFX.

The special recognition award went to vehicle accident repair apprentice Chris Jones. A talented spray artist, Chris has represented CAVC at World Skills and came second – his decorated car bonnets are also used to promote the College's auto courses at events.

Michelle Owen of CAVC and Danielle Williams of NDGTA both won practitioner's awards for their exemplary support to apprentices and colleagues, adding to value to their organisations.

Employers were also celebrated for their commitment to apprentices. Arnold Building and Carpentry won the small employer award while the Salvation Army Lighthouse/Tŷ Gobaith won the medium employer award. BBC Cymru Wales and Enrshys both won the award for large employers.

A special new employer award went to Signature Living, for its commitment to apprentices at its redevelopment of the Coal Exchange.

'WE'RE DEVASTATED' FAMILY'S ANGUISH AFTER DISCOVERING MOTHER WAS BURIED IN THE WRONG PLOT

PENARTH family members have been left devastated after their mother was buried in the wrong cemetery plot.

The mistake only came to light when they wanted to bury her baby great-grand daughter with her recently.

Paul Hooper (58) explained: "My niece Catherine lost her baby daughter a few months ago and Catherine wanted her buried with my mother Marion Jarvis (née Hooper), her great-grandmother, at Penarth Cemetery.

"It was then that we discovered that she had been buried in the wrong grave.

"The family were devastated when we found out. Since then I have had problems sleeping – it's been terrible."

Marion was Penarth born and bred and lived at Coronation Terrace. She died in 2003 at the age of 82.

The family had to sign papers to have her body moved a few feet into the correct plot. They attended the reinterment on Tuesday, March 14.

Paul's sister Pat,

by TIM CHAPMAN



**Penarth-born
Marion Jarvis
(née Hooper).**



**Paul Hooper –
'The family is
devastated'.**

Catherine's mother, told The GEM the family had asked Penarth Council whether her mother could stay where she was, but that wasn't possible.

She added: "They have apologised and brought flowers when they reburied my mother."

The ashes of her granddaughter were also buried with her mother.

It has been a traumatic period for the family and Mr Hooper says he plans to take the matter up with his MP Alun Cairns.

A spokeswoman for

Penarth Town Council emphasised that after the mistake was discovered it worked swiftly to redress matters.

"Firstly, Penarth Town Council would like to publicly apologise to the family of Mrs Marion Jarvis and the obvious distress this situation has caused.

"The error occurred 14 years ago when Mrs Jarvis was interred at Penarth Cemetery. The issue came to light when Mrs Patricia Quick came to the council to arrange for

her baby grand-daughter's ashes to be interred with Mrs Jarvis.

"From a legal point of view, Mrs Jarvis's family did not hold the exclusive rights of burial for the grave where Mrs Jarvis was originally buried. Therefore, this had to be corrected and the only course of correct action the council could take was to apply to the Ministry of Justice to conduct an exhumation and arrange immediate reburial to the correct grave plot.

"At all times, officers at Penarth Town Council have worked with the family to redress the error as swiftly and sympathetically as possible.

"Penarth Town Council feels that it has worked well with the family, and on all occasions of meeting them officers have been helpful and accommodating to the family's requests."

The council has also explained the options open to the family should they wish to make formal complaint.

Bridgend Lions' visit re-enacts history at Hut 9



TWENTY-FIVE members of Bridgend Lions Club visited Hut 9 at Island Farm recently and thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

A spokesperson said: "Hut 9 Preservation Group members must be congratulated on staging such an interesting and authentic event by re-enacting the various roles of those involved in the history of Hut 9."



Taste of India

BRIDGEND Communities First recently marked 'International School Meals Day' with two cooking sessions, which were arranged in partnership with Afon-y-Felin Primary and Corneli Primary schools and Cookibods.

Pupils and their families and guardians had learnt how to cook Indian food, making chapattis and patties under the guidance of Helen and Sian from Cookibods, which they ate after the session.

A spokesperson said: "They said that they had enjoyed the session, with many parents commenting that they felt 'more confident and inspired' to make Indian food at home."



Lidia wins Porthcawl Rotary Young Writers competition



Left to right: Rotarian Barbara Stubbs, Jasmin Roberts (second), Lidia Stamp (the winner), and Rotary president Robert Aubrey.

THE Rotary Club of Porthcawl was given the difficult task recently of judging this year's entries in the Rotary Young Writer competition.

A large number of children from seven to 10 years from West Park Primary, Nottage Primary and Porthcawl Primary schools took up the challenge of writing about 'Reflections' and, just as last year, the standard of the young writers' work was adjudged extremely high.

However, there could only be one winner and the pupil judged to have been the best Rotary Young Writer for 2017 was Lidia Stamp from Porthcawl Primary School.

Close behind her were Jasmin Roberts (second) also from Porthcawl Primary and Hallie Maine-James (third) from Nottage Primary. All three were awarded cash prizes and a certificate. The schools also received a certificate for having supported the Rotary competition.

The three judges from the club's youth committee: Barbara Stubbs (who chairs the committee) Pat Markey, and Ron Jones had the task of reading through all the entries and deciding the winners.

The Rotary Club of Porthcawl has congratulated those who entered the competition and wished all the budding authors every success in the future.



Hallie Maine-James (third).

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'FILM & COMIC CON' DRAWS FANS TO CARDIFF'S MOTORPOINT ARENA

THE 'FILM & COMIC CON' took place at Cardiff's Motorpoint Arena, Cardiff, on March 4, and photographer Andy Wicks was on hand to capture a wide array of colourful characters.

Some were star guests from film and TV, others were fans dressed up as their favourite characters.

Genres included sci-fi, horror, comics and the occult – it was truly a fun and entertaining festival

IMAGES
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ANDY WICKS



Penarth Hockey Club round-up

PENARTH Hockey Club's bid for a hat-trick of GoCrea8 League success stories will culminate this weekend as the second XI's victory over 2015-16 nemesis Swansea University sets up a shoot-out against De Cymru One promotion rivals Bridgend.

SWANSEA UNIVERSITY B 2,
PENARTH A 7

Penarth travelled to Swansea knowing a win against the university could see them promoted if third-placed Bridgend failed to get three points of their own but, having drawn 4-4 with the students in the home fixture, the Bears also knew it would be a difficult encounter against a free-scoring and recently improved student side.

Penarth started well and had the university pinned in their own half during the opening exchanges, but failing to convert several good chances ensured that the game remained scoreless until Swansea's resolve was broken midway through the half.

David Tipping, making a cameo appearance during a holiday back in Penarth, provided the spark, smashing a reverse stick shot goalwards which was deflected past the hapless student keeper by Phil Lane.

The lead was short-lived however, and Swansea were back on level terms almost immediately when they dispossessed the Bears' defence and broke through on goal, with a two-on-one advantage giving Penarth keeper Simon Comfort little chance of preventing the equaliser.

Despite being pegged back, the visitors remained dominant and continued to press, while Swansea only posed a real threat on the counter-attack, where some resolute last man defending from Joe Wells and Jamie Davison - and a few excellent saves from Comfort kept the students from adding to their tally.

The threat on the counter notwithstanding, Penarth continued to create chances and eventually struck the vital blow as a well-worked penalty corner routine saw Lane find Dave Stevens, who scored for his third game in a row.

Going into half-time at 2-1, Penarth's lead remained tenuous – but not for long. With the next goal likely to be crucial to the outcome, the Vale side ensured that it was one that stretched their advantage, with Chris McCarthy hounding the Swansea defence into an early high turnover, with Lane again capitalising to make it 3-1.

The opportunist completed his hat-trick shortly after, this time with centre back Craig Llewellyn tackling aggressively to win possession high up the pitch before Lane drove into the 'D' and fired home.

Although the hosts grabbed a superb consolation goal to make it 4-2, such was the dominance of Penarth's performance that it never really looked like a comeback

was on the cards. Lane grabbed his fourth to restore the Bears' three-goal lead, and added a fifth for good measure, this one the pick of the bunch, beating several Swansea defenders before firing a reverse stick shot into the top corner.

The scoring was rounded off by Sam Chick, a defence-splitting pass from Andy Strong finding the captain in the opposition 25 before his square ball to Tipping was diverted into his own net by the covering Swansea defender.

Unfortunately for Penarth, their 7-2 victory was all but matched by their Bridgend rivals, and sees them take just a slender one-point advantage into the last game of the season.

With the fixture essentially becoming a promotion play-off final, if the Bears can avoid defeat they will retain second spot in De Cymru 1 and guarantee elevation to De Cymru & the Marches 2 for 2017-18.

PENARTH 6, ROBINSONS A 3

A week on from securing their second successive promotion as champions, the first XI were as hungry as ever as they faced promotion-chasing Robinsons in their last home game of the 2016-17 league campaign.

With the wind in their back, the Bristol-based side came out hot and put Penarth on the back foot early on. They were quickly rewarded for their endeavour too as, flooding men forward, the ball eventually found its way to an unmarked attacker at the back post, who gave the visitors the lead within five minutes of the start.

This, however, only served to awaken the sleeping Bears, who wasted no time in restoring parity.

Winning a penalty corner, Laith El-Khatib's drag flick was illegally stopped on the line, and the resulting penalty flick was comfortably dispatched by player/coach Ben Croxall.

Penarth have hit a rich vein of form from penalty corners of late, and were at their clinical best once again, adding two quick set-piece goals to open an advantage before the interval.

There was no stopping El-Khatib's second drag flick of the game and, not to be outdone, Croxall stepped up to convert from the top of the 'D' to make it three-from-three heading into half-time.

Despite holding a commanding margin, Penarth knew that, if Robinsons could snatch the next goal, it would be game on once more, but the Bears ensured that there would be no ramping up of the pressure as they scored almost immediately from the restart.

Once again, the strike came from a penalty corner, this time with injector Sam Williamson reacting quickest to a save to grab his first goal of the season. Robinsons lined one up from the top of the 'D' to peg a goal back.

The visitors immediately pulled their keeper off and went to a kicking back for one last throw of the dice, but it proved to

be a gamble too far as Croxall immediately threw an aerial over the back line for his front three to chase, leaving Chris Baker with an empty net to tap into.

Robinsons continued with the kicking back tactic, hoping that the spare outfield player would give them an advantage, and duly overloaded the Penarth defence to grab a third goal.

The Bears, however, showed that they remained the superior side, taking the ball straight up the other end to win a final penalty corner. With no recognised keeper in the defensive cordon, the visitors were sitting ducks and El-Khatib made no mistake to score his second and give Penarth a 6-3 victory.

PENARTH B 4, PENARTH C 1

The final Penarth derby of the 2016-17 campaign proved to be the best of the lot as, with promotion for the B team already confirmed, both sides relaxed and played out the most entertaining game seen at this level all season.

A strong opening from the senior side saw them exerting constant pressure, but the 'C-siders' defence, marshalled expertly by James Davies, stood firm and, turning the tables with almost their first serious attack of the game, were rewarded with a surprise lead as a lightning fast break involving Dave Kidby and Adam Morse swept the ball up the field before Marc Sawyer finished coolly.

However, Simon Wilkinson sent the teams into the break on level terms.

Watkins reorganised his troops at this point, making what turned out to be a decisive change by moving Richard Skone into a playmaking role from which he was able to dictate much of the second half.

With the clock starting to run down, however, the dam broke at last and the senior side were able to pull away, starting with Dave Thomas scoring from close range following a fine passing move and a quick one-two with Skone at the top of the 'D'.

The breakthrough was followed by two more rapid-fire goals as Wilkinson got his second with a neat piece of opportunism, and Skone rounded off a man-of-the-match performance with a quality finish to another slick move.

The final Saturday of GoCrea8 League action sees all four Penarth sides in action, with the second XI's encounter with Bridgend at Stanwell (noon start) taking top billing.

Both first and third XIs are away this weekend, at Yate and Swansea City respectively, while the fourths bring the curtain down on their first season in 20 years by providing the opening act at Stanwell (10.15am start).

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

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Poppy (aged 12) leads runners home in Fun Run at the Bay



Poppy Burton-Dickie.

THE George Thomas hospice care Bay5K Fun Run sponsored by Western Power Distribution was run recently in glorious sunshine.

The annual 5K fun run takes place in beautiful Cardiff Bay and, this year, was started by Barry's world featherweight champion, Lee Selby.

The first runner home was 12-year-old Poppy Burton-Dickie in an amazing 19 minutes.

Poppy also raised an amazing amount of sponsorship too, raising over £1,300.

Poppy said: "I like running and I was determined to raise lots of money for George Thomas Hospice Care, which gives such wonderful care to people such as my Grandpa."

Lee Selby said: "I was delighted to start today's fun run. I would have liked to run but I've been told to rest after winning my contest last weekend.

Having said that, I think I'd have struggled to keep up with Poppy!"

STUDENTS at Barry Comprehensive School have been given the opportunity to participate in a series of music and drama workshops.

The UCAN project allowed pupils a chance to develop their literacy, communication, planning and group presentation skills.

The sessions were delivered by experienced and qualified instructors, some of whom are professional actors that have appeared in well-known programmes, including Hollyoaks and Coronation Street!

Students were able to demonstrate their musical abilities by learning to play some songs on the ukulele. They also performed drama pieces, including 'The Incomplete Works of William Shakespeare', which was set in Barry, and a historical account of Welsh folklore.

At the end of the project, a performance was given to parents and supporters of the school. All of the pupils had a very worthwhile, enjoyable and interesting experience.

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Barry students tread the boards and try their hand at the ukelele!



Rich John Tomeldan produced radio announcements for each part of the performance



Connor O'Kelly sang a solo.



Brandon Barrett, Jamie King and Lewis Tipples using the 'Giant' puppet.

Local AM reinforces the importance of STEM roles

VALE AM Jane Hutt brought primary and secondary schools together with some key companies from across the Vale to discuss how they can work together to reinforce the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) roles in education and employment in Wales.

Around 60 representatives from across the Vale attended the Engineering Change Breakfast, which was held at Cardiff and Vale College's purpose-built aerospace campus International Centre for Aerospace

Training (ICAT) at Cardiff Airport.

Ms Hutt said: "Practically all of our schools were represented, along with many of our key companies. It was noticeable that all of the companies said yes to the invitation almost immediately. They recognise how important it is that we encourage and nurture our young people particularly from our local schools to consider STEM subjects."

"I was pleased to welcome Aston Martin to the breakfast. The last time Aston Martin was at ICAT was for its recruitment drive, which saw thousands of people queue to register their interest in working for it."

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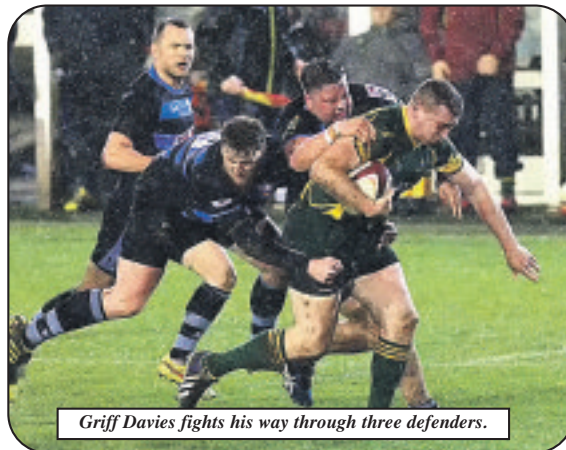
Bridgend Athletic inflict revenge on Ammanford



Jonathan Howard in action. ALL PICTURES BY GLENNSPORTS



Jonathan Phillips kicks ahead.



Griff Davies fights his way through three defenders.

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC exacted a measure of revenge over Ammanford, who had inflicted their first defeat of the season at the end of September, winning a hard-fought encounter by 21 points to 6.

The Athletic are now the league's leading try scorers with 57, while Ammanford are third highest with 46.

However, a mother nature conspired against both sides' attacking intent providing a foul night with heavy gusting wind and rain.

Despite the conditions a reasonable crowd turned up at the Bridgend Ford Brewery Field for the encounter.

With a speedy back division containing Athletic dual registration premiership full back Dan Howells and centre Jonathon Phillips, accompanied by centre Tom Jenkins and wings Garin Lougher, Liam Phillips and later replacement Dan James, the Athletic attempted to defy the elements, moving the ball along their back line.

Jonathon Phillips chipped ahead and was cynically tackled without the ball, resulting in a yellow card for the visitors. The Athletic set up a five-metre driving lineout from the penalty, only for Ammanford to

deny a clear scoring opportunity by dragging it down, reducing their side to 13 players with a second yellow.

The Athletic went for a set scrum from the penalty, but a huge wheel was allowed by the referee, nullifying the Athletic's numerical advantage.

Ammanford countered and won a penalty in front of the Athletic posts which full back Ceri Rees kicked to put his side ahead.

From the restart the Athletic won a penalty of their own, from which outside half Luke Bevan levelled the scores. It also brought up 400 league points for the Athletic this season.

Both sides countered each other for the remainder of the half to leave the score 3-3 at half-time.

Coaches John Apsee and Stuart Morris used the interval team talk to advise their side to change tack in the second half and play the conditions with a more tactical kicking game.

With wind advantage the play was to kick to the corners and use the pack to put pressure on the opposition.

This tactic paid off very early in the half as the Athletic set up a driving maul inside the Ammanford 22. With the maul progressing at a rate of knots towards the try line it was once more illegally pulled down with a try certain.

The player responsible paid a heavy price, leaving the field both injured and with his side's third yellow card of the night. The Athletic were disappointed in not receiving a penalty try, but took the lead with Bevan's second penalty.

Bevan and scrum half Aled Thomas, playing behind a well drilled pack, kept the Athletic on the front foot with well-judged kicks to the corners.

The Athletic front row of Wayne Fookes, Nathan Holman, Matt Muir and later replacement Matthew Norman started to exert scrum dominance.

They drove the Ammanford eight from a scrum on the 22 to within five metres of their try line, only for Ammanford to collapse it to prevent the try. Only a penalty resulted.

The Athletic were not to be denied and pushed the Ammanford scrum back for man-of-the-match No 8 Griff Davies to touch down. Bevan's conversion brought his points tally for the season to 50.

Ammanford reduced the deficit to 13-6 with a second Rees penalty. However most of the remainder of the game they spent camped inside their own half.

Following Griff Davies example, the Athletic pack with locks Jonathon Stoker and Chris John carrying effectively kept the game tight.

Ammanford were trying to run out of defence but flankers Ben Howe, Jonathan Howard and replacement Luke Williams kept their attack at bay with excellent defensive work.

Bevan then increased the lead to 16-6 with his third penalty, again for pulling down a maul. However, this tactic

eventually paid off as the Athletic drove a line out from their 22 for hooker Nathan Holman to cross for his fifth try of the season and complete the scoring.

Coach Stuart Morris was pleased with the win but frustrated that the team did not play the conditions in the first half.

The win put the Athletic into second place in Div One West Central – three points ahead of Aberavon Quins and only one point behind leaders Bonymaen.

The Athletic entertain Quins at Newbridge Fields this Saturday, while Bonymaen play fourth-placed Trebanos, who with games in hand are also well placed to win a tightly contested league.

The club would like to thank Mr Robert Williams of Ogmre Farm Riding Centre for sponsoring the fixture.

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There's no stopping the aptly-named Nathan Strong as he bursts through.



Superb comeback sees Tondy reach Silver Ball semi-finals at the expense of Dinas Powys



Hywel Davies crosses the try line as the crowd look on.



Jake Lewis crashes over for a try.

THE Silver Ball quarter-final encounter between Tondy RFC and Dinas Powys RFC kicked off in a blanket of dense fog which meant nobody could have seen the first hour of this incredible encounter.

Nevertheless both sides tried their hardest to keep the onlookers' attention on what was to become a masterpiece of Silver Ball rugby.

Dinas Powys took early control of this encounter scoring a memorable try through Cieron Driscoll on the nine-minute mark, and a penalty from Ben White increased their lead before Powys were awarded a penalty try.

White added the simple conversation to put his side 15-0 ahead.

The only response from a poor first half performance from Tondy was a Josh Tatchell penalty, which took the scores to 15-3 at half-time.

The balance of the game changed early in

the second period though when Tondy hooker Jake Lewis smashed his way over for a try from a maul.

Another five-metre line-out and subsequent maul saw Nathan Brown smash his way over for the Waterwheelers to make it 15-13 - and it was game on.

Powys then bounced back with another try which White duly converted, and you could have been forgiven for thinking the game was over at this point - but Tondy had other ideas.

It was clear that Powys were struggling with fitness at this point, and the Aberkenfig-based side certainly made them pay.

First came a penalty from Tatchell, and then a forward onslaught saw captain Hywel Davies crawl over for a try which took Tondy within a point of Dinas

Powys. Josh Tatchell shook off the pressure to slot the conversion to give his side the lead for the first time in the game.

Tondy then saw out the final three minutes to record a memorable win and a semi-final clash with Treorchy on April 12.

Congratulations to Glamorgan county for managing to stage this game in what has been a very difficult week venue-wise.

The Silver Ball semi-final encounter between Tondy and Treorchy is at Virginia Park, Caerphilly on Wednesday, April 12, kick off 7.15pm.

Also Tondy will be playing Cwmgor RFC at Pandy Park on April 8 in a fixture to mark the 30th anniversary of the club's Silver Ball victory.

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Latest news from the Bridgend Bridge Club

THE results for recent results at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, March 15: Equal first, Rob Forman and Alan Heath, Linda Pinnock and Steve Burgoyne; equal third, Bill Turner and Graham Jones, Glenda Roberts and John Beard. The winners on handicap were Rob Forman and Alan Heath.

Thursday, March 16: First, Stuart Davies and Maggie Ashpole; second, Dennis Smith and Wendy Bailey; third, Marjorie Halley and Sheila Gass. The winners on handicap were Stuart Davies and Maggie Ashpole.

Friday, March 17: First, Glyn Williams and Bill Turner; second, Gareth Jenkins and Martin Brawn; equal third, Tony Disley and Jenny Vaughan, Simon and Debbie Richards. The winners on handicap were Gareth

Jenkins and Martin Brawn.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to begin at 7pm, so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early to ensure a prompt start.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session. Advice is available with the bidding and master points are awarded.

Lessons for beginners take place on Thursday mornings at 11.30am; there is a seminar for improvers at 1.30pm.

For further information about the club contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

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Porthcawl Bridge Club latest news

LATEST results from the Porthcawl Bridge Club are:

Saturday, March 4 - First - Terry Dolan and Connie Dick; second - Maurice and Margaret Harris.

Thursday, March 9 - First - Maurice and Margaret Harris; second - Gary Williams and Pat Haworth.

Saturday, March 11 - First (equal) - Peter and Sandie Jenkins, Pat Haworth and Terry Dolan.

Thursday, March 16 - First - John Beard and Rob Charlesworth; second - Trish Saunders and Connie Dick.

The club meets twice a week, Saturday and Thursday, at the Awel-y-Mor centre 7pm - 10.15pm, visitors welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call secretary, Trish, on 01656 785794.

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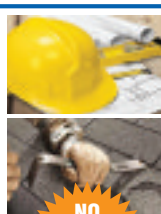
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TUCKER

Mary Elizabeth
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Resting at Thomas Brothers Funeral Directors until the service at Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, 24 March at 10am. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Parkinson's UK, 215 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1V 1EJ.

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Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major, until the funeral service at St Iltyds Church on Friday, March 24 at 1.30pm, followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, for the RNLI c/o the funeral director.

To reflect Bill's personality, the family request a splash of colour to be worn.

ENGLAND

Terence James Anthony (Terry)

A very sudden and unexpected passing but peacefully in the Princess of Wales, Bridgend on 25th February, Terry, aged 80 years of Llantwit Major, originally from Dinas Powys. A dearly beloved and devoted dad to Bethan and Gramps (Bampy) to his seven grandchildren Connor, Hollie, Chloë, Calum, Kiran, Eilora, Zofeyah.

He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting peacefully at W.A. Brown & Sons. Funeral service to take place on Friday, 24th March at Our Lady & St Iltyd Roman Catholic Church, Llantwit Major at 10am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 11.30am. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home or donations to Marie Curie Hospice, Holme Tower and/or Cancer Research UK in memory of Terry England.

BOND

Pamela

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DALBY

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HUGHES

Edward (Ted)

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Ted, aged 85, who passed away peacefully at home on March 8th. Beloved and cherished husband of Margaret, much loved dad to Derek, Anne, Allison and Lewis. Adored grandad of Bethan, Lewis, Rhian, Dylan and Dulcie and loving father-in-law to Steve, Sara and John.

Ted will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service on Friday, March 31st at 12 noon at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations, if so desired, by cheque to the Alzheimer's Society, c/o Park Funeral Directors, 7 Tynwydd Road, Barry, CF62 8HB.

ROGERS

June Patricia

Née Bennett (Formerly Brennan)

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June is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service at St Peter's Church, Lettons Way, Dinas Powys on Friday, April 7th at 1.45pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family floral tributes only - donations if desired may be made at the service or via June's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk, where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages and memories.

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GORE

Thomas William B.E.M.

Peacefully on 21st March in Milsom House, Tom, aged 81 years, of Llantwit Major. Beloved wife of Brenda, dearly loved dad of Karen and the late Stephen. Devoted granddad to Sophie, Isabel and James.

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Gerrard Steven

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Two willing hands are still,

You worked so hard for one and all,

Now resting as God's will,

Words are few,

Thoughts are deep,

Now you have eternal sleep.

Good night, God Bless Gerrard.

With love Maggie and George.

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JSTKD students impress at the English Championships



THE team from JSTKD Martial Arts & Fitness were in unstoppable form at the recent English Tae Kwon Do Championships, returning home with two new champions, as well as an assortment of medals.

The team comprised: Menna Birmingham, Rhys Doel, Josh and Sean Edwards, Alex Munn, Zak and Joe Grinter, Alisha Roberts and Cai Selby.

Unfortunately, two team members (Harri Birmingham and Sion Selby) were unwell so were not able to attend.

First on was Menna, who was competing in the girls black belt patterns - a very hotly contested event!

Menna had to go through three increasingly pressurised rounds, each time having to deliver her intricate pattern with the same level of accuracy and composure.

In the final head-to-head round, she gave an unbeatable performance, to claim the coveted title of English champion.

However, she was still not

finished winning medals, and added a hard won bronze in the girls middleweight black belt sparring event.

More black belt action came from Josh and Sean, who both put in a great effort in the sparring events but didn't quite make the finals this time - although Josh didn't come home empty-handed as he went on later, to take part in the black belt boys tag team event where his team claimed the silver.

JSTKD's reigning north Wales champion, Rhys, was also in action in the boys middleweight black belt sparring. After getting past the preliminary rounds, he reluctantly found himself bowing out to the eventual winner.

Across in the colour belts, the other team members were also making sure they made their mark.

Joe, the newest and youngest team member, turned in a storming performance, to go through each of his many rounds with a remarkably cool head.

Finding himself in the final, he continued to keep his focus and scooped the well-

deserved English champion trophy in the boys tiny tots yellow belt division.

Big brother Zak was making short work of his opponents too in the boys peewee green belts and thanks to a variety of great kicks, clinched the bronze.

Alex Munn was equally busy in the boys' lightweight green belts. He put up a fantastic fight, not even conceding a point in his first round, and eventually came away with the silver.

There was another top-notch performance from Alisha in the girls' middleweight blue belt sparring. Despite being new to this division, Alisha was in fine form, using her skills to great effect to collect a well-earned bronze medal for her efforts.

In the boys' lightweight yellow belts, Cai made sure he made things as difficult as possible for his opponent before leaving the competition.

JSTKD offers a free taster lesson for all new students who would like to try Tae Kwon Do for themselves - full details at www.jstkdc.co.uk.

VW

A frosty sunrise – CAPTURED BY LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER



LOCAL photographer Sue Dobbs headed out early one morning recently, to capture the sunrise over Heol Lathog – and it proved well worth the effort, as she was rewarded with this dazzling shot. (You can see more of Sue's work on <http://susanadobbsphotography.co.uk>)

Public Notice

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 5 BONVILSTON) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2014

On the 2 March 2017 the Welsh Ministers confirmed the above Order made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath running from NGR 30637 17406 to NGR 30615 17427 to a line running from NGR 30637 17406 to NGR 30615 17427 as set out in the Schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Deeds Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on 2 March 2017, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 8 to the Act, within 6 weeks from 23 March 2017 make an application to the High Court.

Dated this 23 March 2017

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Dyddiedig 23 Mawrth 2017

'Hands off diesel engines!' says reader

HERE we go again... Let's all go bashing the private motorist – this time it's the owners of diesel engine cars.

For the most part, the average diesel-powered car is about two litres. It is used maybe one hour in the morning and one hour in the evening. Small fry really.

The local diesel-electric powered trains are started in the morning and are kept

running all day, whether on a run or not (Wikipedia source : the diesel electric trains used locally emit 32,000 tons of nitrogen oxide and 1000 tons of soot annually).

The intercity trains really belch it out, and they also are kept running all day. These trains are operated whether they are full to capacity or not. It doesn't really matter how many passengers are on board, the fact is, the engine is kept running.

While we are on about passenger numbers, the ghost bus from Cardiff to the airport still uses the same fuel as a commuter bus from Cardiff to Barry. Have you ever wondered about the size of lorry engines – and they use diesel fuel?

OK, the British lorries are subject to emission checks, but what about the lorries from the Continent: are they checked, I wonder.

I am sure we have all seen building sites with dumper trucks, diggers

and such like, but this plant is kept running most of the time without even the hint of emission checks.

Did anyone see the news item on television about the open cast coal mine at Merthyr? There was plant running around everywhere carrying high carbon fossil fuel and they, the dump trucks and the diggers, all had diesel engines. The boats that we see going to and from Cardiff, Birdport, and Avonmouth all have really massive engines, which never stop.

Let's also think of the farming community with their tractors, harvesters and generators, or the Forces or the emergency services... the list goes on.

No, Mr Minister of Transport, don't point your finger at the humble motorist with his small diesel car. **DAVE ADAMS, Barry.**

Barry Town Mayor's Award

THE Mayor of Barry is inviting the public to nominate someone they consider is worthy of the Mayor's award for services to the community.

There are two categories, adult and youth, and nominees can be drawn from the arts, sport, voluntary work, or any other area.

"If you know someone who has given their time and commitment to the community and feel that they should be considered for this award,

please let us know," a spokesperson said.

Nominations should be sent in writing, detailing the reasons why you feel they should be considered, to the Town Mayor, Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA to be received no later than Friday, April 14. Successful nominees will be advised on April 28.

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ON AND OFF THE TURF WITH BRIAN LEE

TWENTY FOUR hours after winning the 'Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle' at Fontwell on Saturday aboard the Tim Vaughan-trained **William Money**, Cowbridge's **George Blackwell** won the opening Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle at Ffos Las on Bernard Llewellyn's *Flanagan's Field*, a 20-1 chance, which came home 16 lengths ahead of the Evan Williams trained *Market Road*.

GLAMORGAN HUNT STEEPLECHASES
The popular Glamorgan Hunt point-to-point steeplechases take place at Uplands Farm, Ystradowen this Saturday and the main event of the day is the Timico Mixed Open race at 3.45pm. Racing gets under way with the Glamorgan Hunt members' race at 2pm. There will be a parade of hounds during the afternoon.

VALE HORSES AND RIDERS IN FORM AT LLANFRYNACH

The Vale of Glamorgan's Tom David and his younger brother Evan both rode winners at the re-arranged Brecon & Talybont Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Llanfrynach on Sunday.

Tom took the PPORA Club Members Conditions Race on Carmen Goldworthy's Captain Camelot who won by six lengths from the early leader Tiger Rag and Evan won the Restricted on Blazing Tom who scored by three lengths from the outsider of three Upton Kaddy.

Captain Camelot provided his new handler Carlie Packwood with her first training success and a delighted Mrs Goldworthy said: "This is a lucky course for me as this is my ninth winner here."

The favourite Tinkers Hill, ridden by Bradley Gibbs, looked beaten when falling four fences from home.

Blazing Tom, owned by Cowbridge's Philip and Ralph Thomas, like High Hatton is trained by former rider of note Jonathan Tudor at Merthyr Mawr.

Jodie Hughes was seen at her best when making all the running in the four horse ladies' open on Kieran Price's 13-year-old bay gelding Bay Central, who won by 11 lengths from Horsham Lad.

"Apart from one mistake he jumped amazingly," said Jodie who having walked the course earlier thought the jumps were a lot stiffer than usual.

Only two of the 12 entries for the opening Confined Race faced the starter and the long odds-on

Sir Du Bearn shook off Vanguard and Jo Bagley in the closing stages to win by three lengths in a time which was 12 seconds faster than Jeffrey Bird's High Hatton took in beating his solitary rival Sandynow in the men's open.

High Hatton was partnered by Richard Patrick and will probably be aimed at the Cheltenham Hunters' evening meeting in May.

Eleven went to post for the open maiden race and the nine-year-old Jungle Legend given a good ride by young Ben Jones led four fences from home to score by two lengths from the favourite and early leader Captain Kennit ridden by Bradley Gibbs. Jungle Legend who was a first point-to-point winner for owner Claire Manning is trained by Kate Powell.

The new layout of the course made everything more compact and was excellent for viewing. However, a sign of the times was that whereas in the past there would have been two long rows of bookmakers this time only six gentlemen of the satchels were in attendance.

WINS FOR VALE TRAINERS AT CHEPSTOW VALE

trainers Evan Williams and John Flint both saddled winners at Chepstow recently. Williams took the opening Faller Refunds Handicap Hurdle with the top weighted *Sutter's Mill* who under Adam Wedge, won by one-and-a-half lengths from the Bernard Llewellyn trained *Filatore*.

John Flint took the closing Best Price Mullins Standard Open National Hunt Flat race with *Amateur* who, ridden by Ian Popham, scored by one-and-a-half lengths from the Jonjo O'Neill-trained *The Flame*.

BRIAN LEE

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, March 14 a full programme of league matches was played.

The Edmondson C beat the Edmondson B 5-4; this is the second week running that the league leaders have been beaten.

The Highwayman Inn strengthened their hold on second slot, by beating the Hairy Farmers 6-3, helped by Llanharry defeating the Six Bells Inn 6-3.

However, it looks like Llanharry are now making a late challenge to also become contenders for second spot. The Victoria Inn beat the Red Lion 8-1 and the Edmondson A beat the Farmers Arms 5-4.

This week Noyle Burt became the second player from the Edmondson C to hit a 180 maximum score.

Other notable individual performances were: Rob McCaver (Hairy Farmers) winning a leg in 10 darts. In fact Rob was very unlucky not to complete a 144 three dart out, hitting treble 18 with his first

and second dart but his third dart was just on the wrong side of the double 18 wire. Maureen Fleming (Farmers Arms) had an 11 dart finish.

Present league standings, after 20 weeks, are: Edmondson B (126 points), Highwayman Inn (113), Six Bells Inn (110), Llanharry (102), Edmondson A and Edmondson C (96), Hairy Farmers and Victoria Inn (80), Farmers Arms (79) and Red Lion (18).

Next week (Tuesday, March 28) the first rounds of the men's singles knock-out competition will be played; the host of this competition is the Llanharry Workingmen's Club.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul a cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Ben receives top judo awards!

BEN MOORE, in Year 7 at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, attended the recent British Judo Council awards.

He had been shortlisted for British junior Judoka of the year and British squad member of the year.

A spokesperson said: "Much to Ben's astonishment he was rewarded for all of his hard work and achievements and won both categories. Well done Ben!"

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Llantwit Major under-12s reach Blues Cup final!



ON Sunday, Llantwit Major Warriors travelled to Merthyr Tydfil's The Wern stadium, to play their Blues Cup semi-final against Llandaff RFC under-12s.

All players (and parents!) were extremely excited and a little bit nervous before the match started. It was a fantastic atmosphere at The Wern ground, all the players came running out of the tunnel to music with concentration on their faces, all ready for a good game.

As seems to be the Warriors' trait, they were a bit unsettled at the beginning of the game, but it didn't take long for them to settle into their stride.

They were all communicating with each other about set moves that they had been practicing at training.

It all started coming together about 10 minutes into the first half, when the forwards worked hard to get the ball close enough to

the line for Logan to burst through and settle everyone's nerves with the first try of the match.

The Warriors continued to work hard, fighting for the ball at the breakdown to secure possession. It was again the forwards who took the ball close to the line, and Dylan W was just short but managed to offload to Tom to score our second try of the match. Rhys G converted to make the score 12-0.

Llandaff's players were strong and played some lovely set pieces, but the Warriors' determination and strong defence kept them away from their line.

The next play saw the forwards work the ball out of a maul and pass it through the backs and out to Sam A on the wing, who made a break to score a try, finishing the first half 17-0 to the Warriors.

The second half started with Llandaff attacking and the Warriors' defence had to work hard.

Llandaff broke through the defensive line to score an

excellent running try, which was quickly converted.

Llantwit Warriors fought back with some great rucking, and eventually Caleb took the ball over the line to score, which Rhys G converted.

It was through some fine ball handling skills from the Warriors back line, that Rhys G made a sharp break and ran over the line to score the last try of the match.

It was a fantastic effort from all the players, and a much-deserved 29-7 win.

Next stop Cardiff Arms Park on May 7 for the Blues Cup final against Treorchy RFC.

Squad: Rhys Davies, Logan Pike, Dylan Wright, Ivan Thomas, Caleb Beare, Tomas Roberts, Aneurin Price, Sam Harry, Owen Hill, Oily Williams, Sam Alexander, Rhys Greenaway, Ben Godfrey, Dylan Morgan, Josh Wakeham, Jamie Jenkins, Corey Lougher, Charlie Hurdman, Ewan Harris, Griff Davies, Kyle Griffiths and Cristian Parry.

SR

Female-only activity scheme proving popular



Coun Gwyn John (left) joins participants at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre.

A TWO-HOUR taster session hosted by the Vale Council's Sports and Play Development team has enabled Vale girls to try their hand at a variety of sport-based activities.

Taking place at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre, the session introduced them to badminton, street dance, football, and touch rugby.

Informal, social and involving music, the event formed part of the council's Girls on the Move initiative – part of the 'Active Young People' scheme – to encourage them to exercise more frequently.

It has engaged over 160 girls since starting last year, with 'glowminton' in Barry and a running group in Penarth. Glowminton uses UV shuttlecocks, nets, neon wristbands and body paint while

playing badminton to music.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible, leisure and regulatory services, said: "We have seen some encouraging results so far, with an increase in participation."

By listening to what our young residents want, we have been able to plan fun, inclusive, events that continue to engage girls across the Vale."

The Sport and Play team, in partnership with Welsh Cycling and Breeze Rides, are set to host a female-only cycling group on Saturday, April 8.

Taking place at Cosmeston Park, between 10am-12pm, the group is aimed at beginners aged 10 and over. Informal coaching will take place before the ride around Cosmeston, so that participants become more confident on their bikes. Participants are required to take their own bikes and helmets.

Big games for Cowbridge RFC

AFTER the drama and ultimate disappointment of the Six Nations, Cowbridge are back in league and cup action this weekend.

The youth take on Pontarddulais at Llandarcy Sports Ground, kick off 2.30pm, in the semi-final of the National Youth Cup. A massive achievement already but let's hope the run will continue.

There is a bus leaving the club at 12 noon returning at 6pm, all support would be very welcome. Good luck boys!

The first XV travel to Tonyrefail, who are three places below us but have had three victories in their last four matches – so a big game for both teams.

The following weekend the firsts are home against Caerau Ely.

RK/RV

Cowbridge bowlers toured Torquay

COWBRIDGE Bowling Club have just returned from a happy week's bowling in Torquay.

We stayed at the Toorak Hotel, which is in a complex of four hotels, with indoor bowls, ballroom, swimming pool, games room (snooker, pool, table tennis, 10-pin bowling and lots of games machines), so it was a very busy, sporting week for us oldies!

We comprised 39 bowlers, (and three social members) and we had two teams of 16 bowlers with reserves for every game.

Each team (red and blue) played four games

On the whole it's a fun bowling holiday and we play the same teams every year, so it is great to meet up again. The weather was kind to us again, and we were able to get out and about and take in the sea air!

Our outdoor season begins on April 1, and anyone who wishes to try bowling will be very welcome.

If interested, please ring Norman Wilkinson (development officer) on 01446 773282.

NJW

Llantwit spring into action on Saturday

AS spring has now officially begun, Llantwit Major RFC will be hoping for warmer weather and firmer grounds to suit their running style of rugby, starting on Saturday as they travel to take on Old Penarthians in the league.

This will again be a difficult encounter for the Llantonians, as Old Pens are a team who, despite sitting just above the relegation places in the points table, always run teams close and have received plaudits across the league for their exciting attacking play.

Llantwit should, however, be well rested after another enforced break due to the finale of the Six Nations championship, and be fully aware of the danger they face in underestimating their opponents, as they only just managed to win the first encounter 33-27 earlier in the season – kick off is at 2.30pm.

AH

Tennis Club members brave the weather for a pre-season clean up



EVEN the mist, wind and rain didn't stop Llantwit Major Tennis Club members braving the elements early last Saturday morning to do a pre-season clean up of the tennis courts.

Trees and brambles were cut back, weeds dug up and the fourth court, which has been unusable in recent years, was brushed down by willing volunteers.

All that's left to do is relime the courts and put up some new nets and there will be four fully functioning courts ready for the new season. Many

thanks to all members who helped.

If you are interested in joining Llantwit Major Tennis Club or would like more information about our coaching sessions for children and adults go to <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LlantwitMajorTennisClub>

Events for your diary:

Brace for Brace
DAVID BRACE, of the Dunraven Stud, Bridgend, had a double at the Buckfastleigh Point-To-Point Steeplechases with Bracho in the open maiden race and Dunraven Royal in the intermediate race.

Both were ridden by Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft.

VS

Extravaganza of junior rugby in Cowbridge!

COWBRIDGE residents who fancy getting back in touch with the joys of simply playing rugby for fun are invited to a festival this weekend featuring 30 clubs, 101 teams and 1,200 young players!

There won't be a dodgy head impact assessment in sight, and constantly collapsing front rows will be nowhere to be seen!

Cowbridge RFC mini and junior section have arranged the rugby extravaganza, which will be hosted at Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

Andrew Lord of Cowbridge RFC told The GEM: "Clubs from around Wales are sending teams to play in

different age groups, so if anyone in town wants to see if they can spot some stars of the future, please come along."

Members of the Cardiff Blues are coming along to support the event too, and the programme is as follows:

Saturday, March 25, 10am to 2.30pm. Teams of under-7s, under-9s and under-11s will be in action.

On Sunday, March 26, also from 10am to 2.30pm, under-8s, under-10s, under-12s and under-14s will be taking the field.

The club hopes that, once the rugby is over, hungry young rugby players (and their families) will be heading into Cowbridge to refuel.

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STEADFAST DEFENCE, BUT QUESTIONS REMAIN OVER ATTACK

The 20-minute French farce cannot obscure the failings that are holding Wales back



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ABOVE: 6 out of 6... Leigh Halfpenny, the only Welsh name on the scoreboard, was in superb kicking form. ABOVE, right: where the damage was done.



ABOVE: George North complains he was bitten on the arm – the evidence was later ruled as “inconclusive.” LEFT: Despair on Welsh faces as the reality of a third defeat sinks in.

BACK PAGE COMMENT

by Don John

AS the sound and fury of rugby's version of the Longest Day subsides, and gives way to cooler reflection, Saturday's farcical climax to the RBS Six Nations should not obscure the wider picture for Wales that goes beyond the controversial 20-18 defeat in Paris.

Amid chaotic scenes, as normal full time approached, embattled Wales were clinging to a five-point lead at 18-13, but under constant siege on their own line from the juggernaut French pack, when 80 minutes then stretched to an astonishing 100 minutes.

Wales, who had already lost both first choice second rows, Jake Ball and skipper Alun Wyn Jones to injury, at one time were down to 14 men with a player in the bin and were in desperate straits.

Confusion reigned, with players coming and going in bewildering fashion, and hard-pressed referee, Wayne Barnes, awarded Les Bleus a stream of penalties and 12 successive scrums five metres out – Wales were fortunate not to concede a penalty try that would have mercifully brought the long drawn-out proceedings to a close.

Overwhelming French power finally told and typically brave Welsh resistance was finally broken with a converted try, to end the game with 20 extra minutes on the clock – but in dubious circumstances, with the Welsh camp crying ‘foul!’

France had brought back on to the field

their first choice tight head prop (who had earlier been substituted), the team doctor claiming his replacement needed to go off for a head injury assessment, although the latter had already told the referee he was not injured, but had a sore back!

It prompted a furious reaction from caretaker Wales head coach Robert Howley, who told the post-match media conference: “Integrity in our game is pretty important. Player welfare is equally important... (but)... what happened in the last 10 minutes of that game shouldn't ever happen again on an international rugby field... The process leading up to the change of the French tighthead – the way that occurred – we love our game too much to have those decisions.

“It's hugely disappointing, the process that occurred prior to him warming up before going back on. One of their coaches went outside the technical area, had a word with their doctor and within a minute of that, he went on during a break in play and took their tighthead off... it's outside the laws of the game,” he insisted.

Asked if he would call it ‘cheating’, Howley replied – “No, I just question the integrity of the decision that was made. If you want to call it that, it's up to you...”

The Welsh camp, rightly, had no quarrel with referee Barnes – “who had listened to a medic” – over the decision – but it was too early to say if they would be taking the matter further. In fact, Six Nations officials later revealed they were reviewing the issue.

Before the kick-off, Howley had admitted that players and management had been “hurt” by weeks of withering criticism over his risk-averse team selection, but had obviously felt vindicated by the hard-fought 22-9 win over Ireland in again not making

changes to the line-up in Paris: “France have probably been one of the best sides in the championship, but this group of players have been there. We've won over in France before... We know how to win there,” he had asserted confidently.

However, almost from the outset, alarm bells rang – the home team roaring out and establishing early dominance up front, particularly at the scrum, and then racing into a 10-0 lead inside the first quarter, through a converted try and penalty.

Wales slowly began to regroup and attempted a breakout, prompted by outside half Dan Biggar, but the promising move was thwarted when a pass meant to free danger man George North down the right wing, was intercepted by a defender's flailing arm, resulting in a yellow card.

Despite their dominance, France were unable to make further inroads into the steadfast Welsh defence and frustration led to three first half penalties (one from over halfway) for the immaculate Leigh Halfpenny to keep his side in touch, with a one-point deficit (10-9) at the changeover.

Welsh hopes suffered a blow when skipper Alun Wyn Jones was injured and later forced to leave the field and Wales came under a renewed onslaught, one threatening attack breaking down when a final pass went into touch.

The powerhouse pack then encamped on the Wales try line in a penalty-forcing rehearsal for what was to come in the dramatic later stages, but on this occasion they were repelled. Suddenly, though, the Welsh scrum reasserted itself and Halfpenny landed another huge howitzer from halfway, and followed it with his fifth successful attempt, to increase the lead to 15-10 – only

for Wales to concede a penalty directly in front of their posts.

Not to be outdone, Halfpenny stepped up to land his sixth and final penalty kick to give Wales a five-point lead at 18-13, with just 10 minutes of normal time remaining.

Little did we know then of the long drawn out drama that was to follow before the French pack finally bludgeoned its way over for the converted touchdown that sent Wales to the bottom of the RBS Six Nations table, with just two wins out of five and only hapless whipping boys Italy below them.

As Alun Wyn Jones said afterwards – “It's just not good enough.”

The public inquest is likely to be prolonged, with the Welsh coaches, defence guru Sean Edwards excepted (yet strangely he is the one without a seat on the Lions' tour plane this summer!) braced for the inevitable backlash – with the style and substance of Welsh attacking play the main focus for continuing, widespread disquiet.

On Saturday, try-less Wales were barely able to launch a meaningful attack against opponents who were big on brawn, but whose legs were hardly tested for stamina in the wide open spaces.

In fact, the whole campaign had mustered only eight touchdowns, two more than hapless Italy and half that of England, who under Eddie Jones have revelled in a new, more expansive style.

Crisis may be far too strong a word, but the WRU could yet regret allowing the bulk of their coaching group to spend time in New Zealand, rather than focus on the underlying problems at home that continue to hold back this talented squad's development.